

What a Weird Church – Some Practices

The Biblically Unique Church: The Church Being Light and Salt in Practices Chris Mueller 6-19-22

Introduction:

#1 The Church practices _____ and _____

1st BAPTISM

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

1 Corinthians 1:14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, **16** Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

FF Bruce The idea of an unbaptized Christian is simply not entertained in the New Testament.

Spurgeon Nothing is more plainly taught in the New Testament than that it is the duty of every believer in Christ to be baptized

2nd COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11

1. Remember **our** unity, **verses 17-22**
2. Remember **his** sacrifice, **verses 23-26**
3. Remember **your** heart, **verses 28-30**

#2 The Church practices church _____

Numbers 15

1. Unintentional undefiant sin **1 Peter 4:8b** love covers a multitude of sins

2. Intentional defiant sin – confront

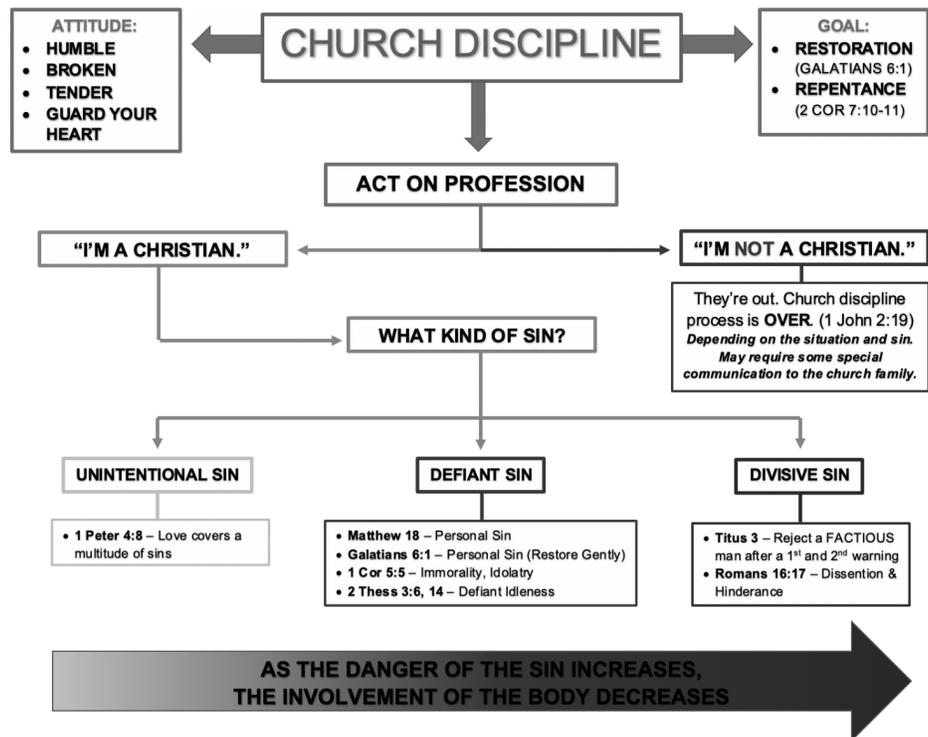
Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

Titus 3:10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning

1 Corinthians 5:11 I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.



When it's unintentional, cover their sin. When it's intentional, confront their sin.

#3 The Church practices _____/non-performance praise

Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

2 Samuel 6:5 David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the Lord with all kinds of instruments made of fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.

Zephaniah 3:17 God sings...

#4 The Church practices _____ in all forms, especially relational

Romans 10:14b How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?
17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

The **Confrontational style** – like Peter in **Acts 2**

The **Intellectual style** – like Paul in **Acts 17**

The **Testimonial style** – like the blind beggar in **John 9**

The **Invitational style** – like the Samaritan woman in **John 4**

The **Serve-ational style** – like Dorcus in **Acts 9**

The **Relational style** – like the man freed of the unclean spirits in **Mark 5**

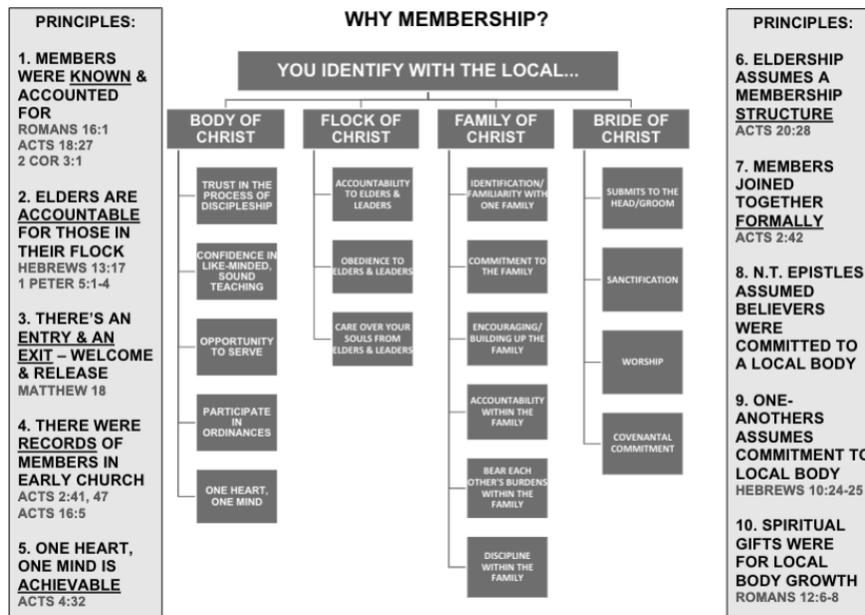
#5 The Church practices _____

The **EXAMPLE** of the early church

The **EXISTENCE** of church government

The **EXERCISE** of church discipline

The **EXHORTATION** for mutual edification



Take Home:

A. You must be saved.

B. Are you pursuing Christ's practices?

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. Why are so many of the practices of the church considered controversial?
2. Can you explain each practice listed above, and also list other practices of the church we should be aware of?
3. Which practice are you most unfamiliar with, and which one do you think you understand and can explain to others? Why?
4. What steps should you take in order to have your life align with the practices taught?
5. Each one of you share with others the one step you are going to take in response to the Word of God today.

