

FAITH BASED DOCTRINE

What makes a church unique?

- A church is a body of people who have decided to unify around core practices (life) and beliefs (doctrine) in the spirit of **1 Timothy 4:16** and **Ephesians 4:3-6**
- Unique does not mean arrogant (How have you been arrogant in the past?)

Unique Doctrine (Absolute)

- Doctrine of Salvation:
 - Ritual Based (Catholic/Greek Orthodox)
 - Belief Based (Protestant/Reformation)
 - **Faith Based (Restoration Movement)**
 - Belief and Action work together through repentance, lordship and baptism
 - We are trying to restore the Spirit of the New Testament church

WHAT IS THE PLAN OF SALVATION?

HEAR	Romans 10:17
BELIEVE	Hebrews 11:6
REPENT	Luke 13:3
CONFESS	Romans 10:9, 1 Timothy 6:12
BAPTISM	Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21

Unique Lifestyle (Compelling but Less Absolute)

- Our Lifestyle/Practices are built around Biblical Principles (or Spirit):

WHAT DOES Acts 2:40-47 ABOUT OUR UNIQUE LIFESTYLE?

- How to save yourself from this corrupt generation
- Although you cannot earn your salvation, you can lose it.

[Matthew 24:13, 2 Corinthians 11:3, Hebrews 3:12-13, Hebrews 10:24-26, 1 Peter 5:8-9, 2 Peter 2:20-21](#)

- The Law versus the Spirit: The ICOC evolution

HOW CAN YOU READ THE BIBLE TO FIND THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST?

Truths (**Proverbs 13:4**)

Rules (**Hebrews 3:12-13**)

Illustrations (**Matthew 13:1-9**)

Examples (**Acts 8:36-40**)

Spirit

Unique in Unity (Absolute, but Harder to Evaluate)

[1 Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 2:1-4](#)

Even though we are different, we share the common Spirit.

IN WHAT WAYS CAN WE CONNECT THROUGH OUR UNITY?

- Common Interests • Time • Insecurities (Sin/Grumbling) • Hardship • Confession • Humility (allowing someone to help us) • Serving • Advising/helping another
- Shared Vision/Purpose

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- Unity is NOT: Forced, Uniformity, Compliance
- Unity IS: Spiritual, Forged, Submission, etc.
- The difference between Compliance and Submission: One is forced the other is chosen.