


# The Church and Her Practices

## Understanding the Local Church

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# Saved From the World

**Acts 2:40**  
And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, **Be saved** from this perverse generation!+

- > The gospel had been preached by Peter
- > These were those who had been convicted by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:37)



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# Conversion and Means of Grace

**Acts 2:41, 42**  
So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



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**Sanctified by the Word**

**John 17:17**  
 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**1Peter 2:2**  
 like newborn babies, **long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow** in respect to salvation,



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**Grounded in the Truth**

**1Timothy 3:15**  
 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, **the pillar and support of the truth.**



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**The Priesthood of all Believers**

**1Peter 2:5**  
 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for **a holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**Hebrews 8:1b**  
 we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,



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### The Gathered Local Church

#### **Hebrews 10:24, 25**

and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **not forsaking our own assembling together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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### Church Discipline

#### **1Corinthians 5:4, 5**

In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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### Christ is Confessed

#### **Matthew 16:16, 18**

Simon Peter answered, ~~%~~You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.+ . . %also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.+

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One Another

**Colossians 3:12-14**

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; **bearing with one another**, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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