



DEFINING CHURCH

GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Teaching (Acts 2:42)
2. Fellowship (Acts 2:42)
3. Breaking of bread (Acts 2:42)
4. Prayers (Acts 2:42)
5. Scriptures read (1 Tim 4:13; 1 Cor 14:26)
6. Collection (Acts 2:45; 4:35; 1 Cor 16:1-2)
7. Singing (1 Cor 14:26; 11:28)
8. Miraculous gifts (1 Cor 14:26; 11:28)
9. Discipline (Mt 18:17; 1 Cor 5:4)
10. Report of work (Acts 14:25-28)

- » And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes... Acts 2:46
- » ...he went to the house of Mary... where many were gathered together and were praying. Acts 12:12
- » But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. Acts 19:9
- » ...teaching you in public and from house to house Acts 2:20

- » On the **first day of the week**, when we were gathered together to break bread... Acts 20:7
- » Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the **first day of the week**, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. 1 Cor 16:1-2
- » Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the **first day of the week**, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. Mt 28:1

The Resurrection of Christ

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor 11:26

The Headship of Christ

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Cor 11:3

The Centrality of Christ

When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal.

1 Cor 11:20-21

The Body of Christ

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one bread, for we all partake of the one bread. 1 Cor 10:17

The Priesthood of Every Believer

When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

1 Cor 14:26

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1. Determine whether the disagreement is a matter of **faith or opinion**.
2. Sacrifice **preferences** for love's sake.
3. Don't divide when **personal practice** has no effect on corporate worship.