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## BIBLE TALK

Question: What are the basic teachings of the church of Christ?

Answer: It is necessary in all things for us to develop the mind of Christ and seek a "New Testament concept of the church." Christ reserves the right to regulate what it does and what it teaches (2 Tim. 3:16-17). We must strive do Bible things in Bible ways.

Salvation as taught by our Lord expects men to obey to be saved, consisting of faith in Christ (Jn. 8:24); repentance from sins (Lk. 13:3); confession of faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32-33); and baptism for the removal of sins (Acts 22:16; I Pet. 3:21).

Worship consist of singing (Col. 3:16); praying (Acts 2:42; I Tim. 2:8); studying God's word (2 Tim. 4:2-3); taking the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:23-30; Acts 20:7) and giving of our monies (I Cor. 16:1-2).

The organization of the church involves Christ as the head (Eph. 1:22-23) and having elders and deacons as servants in each local congregation (I Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11; I Pet. 5:1-3).

God expects members of His church to live soberly, righteously, and godly while denying ungodliness and worldly lusts (Titus 2:11-12).

A departure from these simple guidelines would constitute the teaching "*another gospel*" (Gal. 1:8, 9). Adding to or deleting from the scriptures causes numerous and serious consequences (Rev. 22:18, 19). The wise man will hear, heed and obey the Bible, not the ideas of men! All things must be done according to the pattern (Heb. 8:5). It is a serious matter to teach for doctrine the commands of men (Matt. 15:9).

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