God’s Plan of Salvation

Romans 1:16

Inherent Authority

{GOD}

Genesis 1:1
Isaiah 45:18

Authority: *the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience*

All Authority

{JESUS}

Matthew 28:18
Hebrews 1:1-2

{Apostles}

John 13:20
John 20:21

HOLY SPIRIT

Guided Apostles & Prophets

John 16:12-15
1 Corinthians 2:10-13

Apostles & Prophets

Wrote the BIBLE

Ephesians 3:3-5
2 Peter 1:20-21
Ephesians 2:19-20

{The BIBLE}
is
OUR JUDGE

John 12:46-50
2 Timothy 3:15

ALL SUFFICIENT

Jude 3
2 Timothy 3:16-17
2 Peter 1:3

CANNOT…

ADD	Revelation 22:18
SUBTRACT	Revelation 22:19
CHANGE	Galatians 1:6-9

2 John 9-11

SPECIFIC & GENERAL AUTHORITY IN THE BIBLE

NOAH & the Ark

Genesis 6:14-21

- Type of wood used (specific)
- What tools to use (general)

NAAMAN the Leper

2 Kings 5:9-14

- Which river (specific)
- Where in the Jordan (general)
- How many times (specific)

SPECIFIC & GENERAL AUTHORITY IN THE BIBLE

Examples of **General Authority**

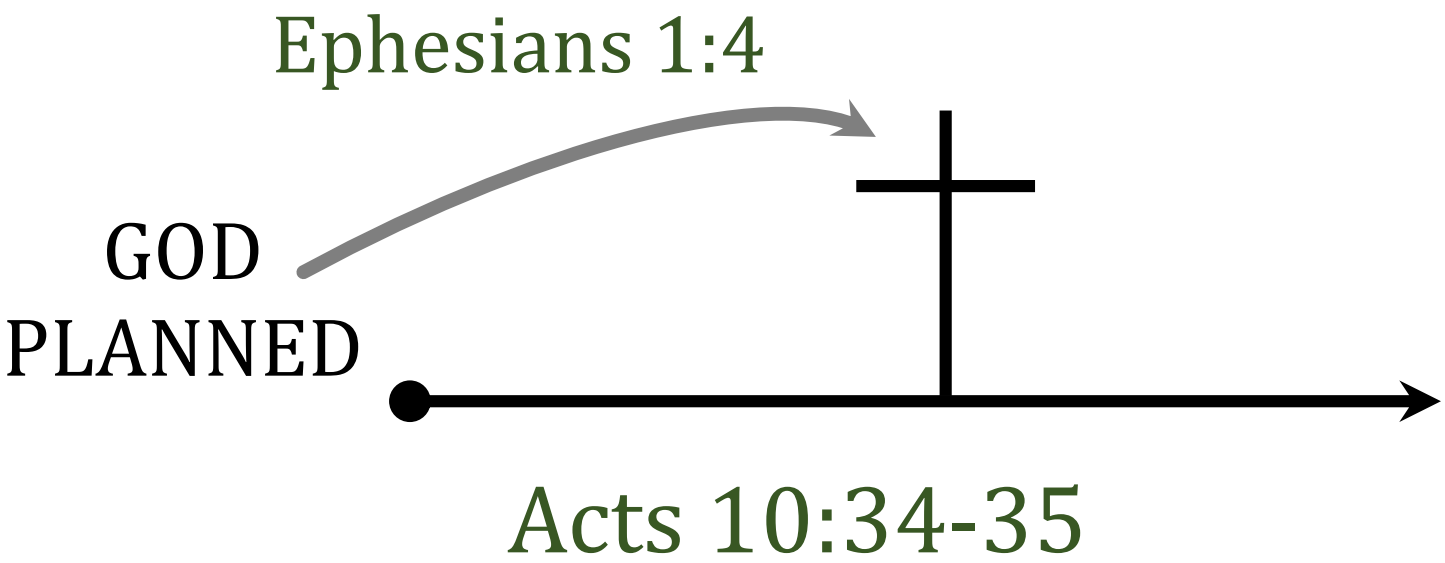
- ❖ "assemble together" Hebrews 10:25
- ✧ "go therefore and make disciples" Matthew 28:19-20
- ✯ "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" Colossians 3:16

Examples of **Specific authority**

- ❖ "first day of the week" Acts 20:7
- ✧ "believes and is baptized" Mark 16:16
- ✯ "sing and make melody in your heart" Ephesians 5:19

What about other systems for salvation that use a **different authority**?

Matthew 15:8-9
Matthew 7:13-15, 21-27
John 14:6
Romans 3:23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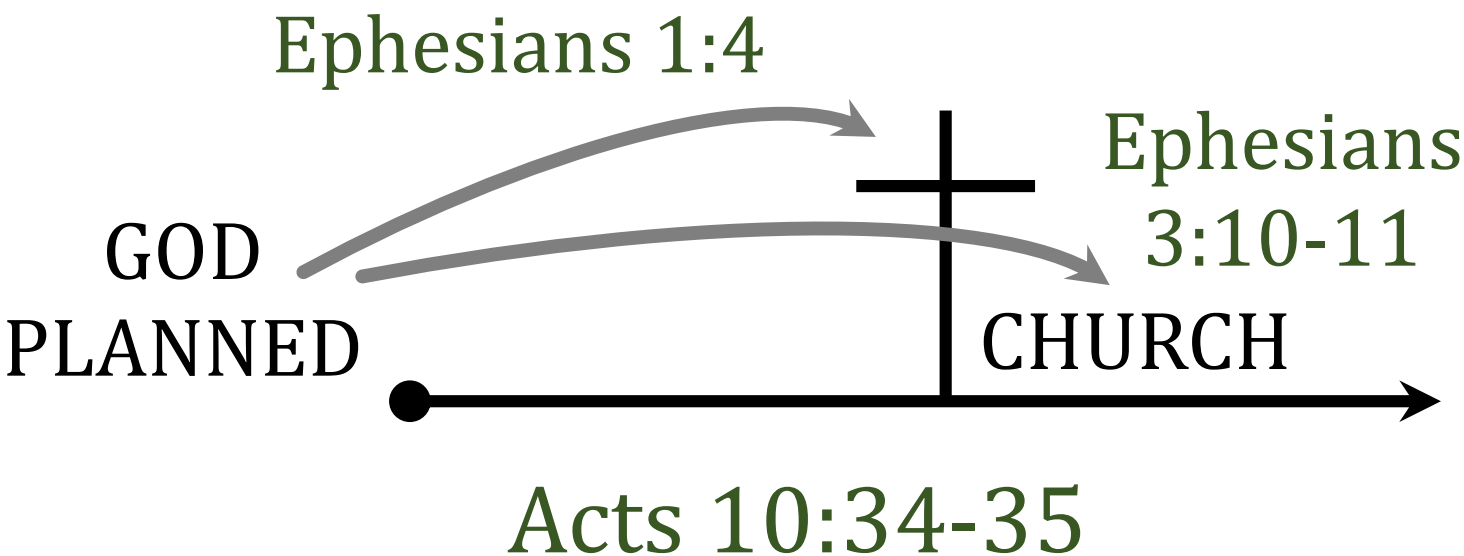
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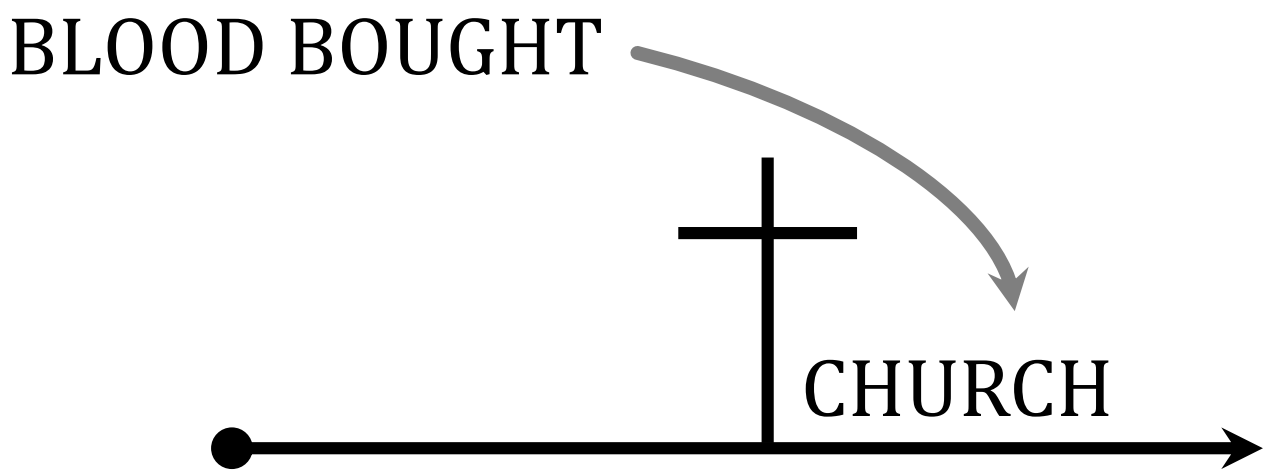
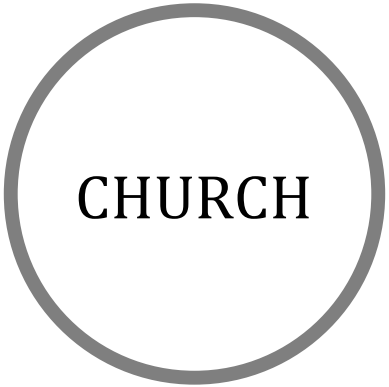


Acts 20:28

Revelation 5:9

What is the church?

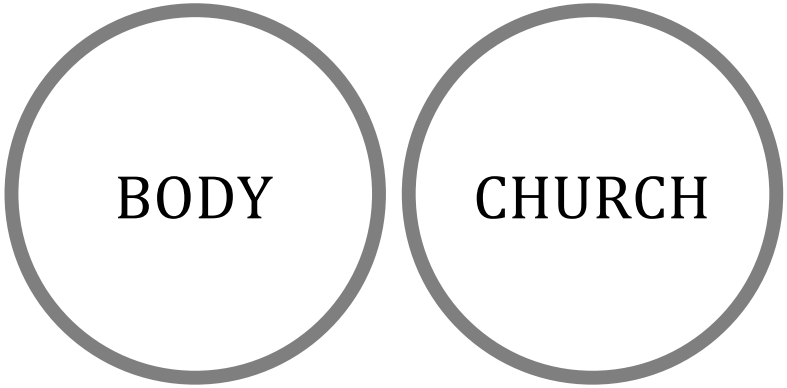
Ephesians 3:20-21



Ekklesia (εκκλεσια): the called out

Ephesians 1:22-23

Colossians 1:18, 24



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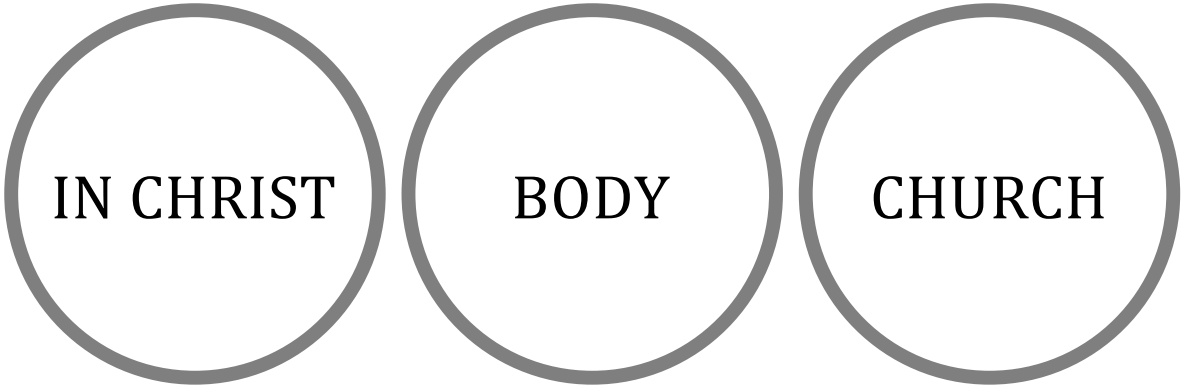
Ephesians 1:3 Romans 6:3 Galatians 3:27



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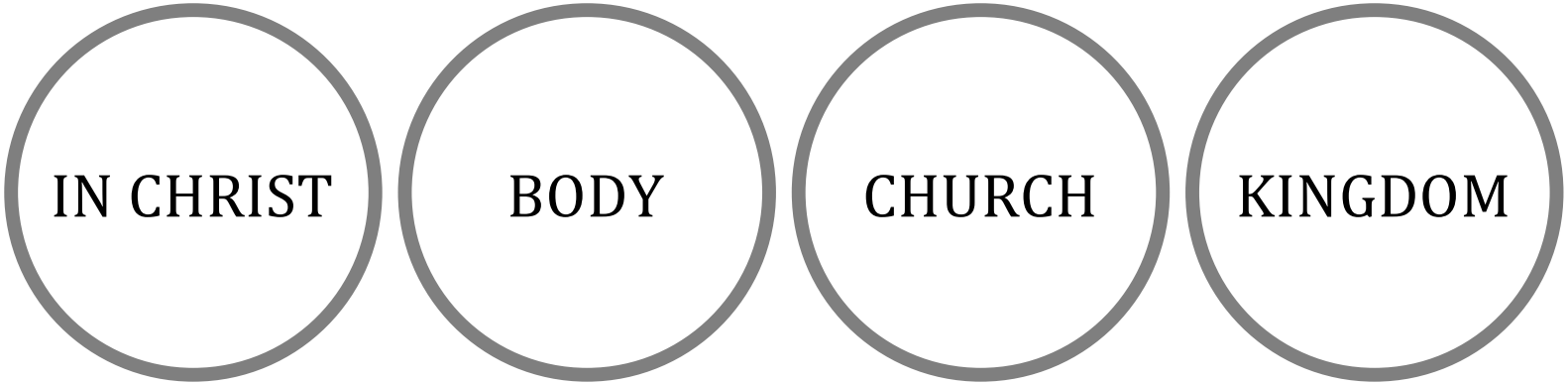
Acts 20:28 = Revelation 5:9-10

Matthew 16:18-19



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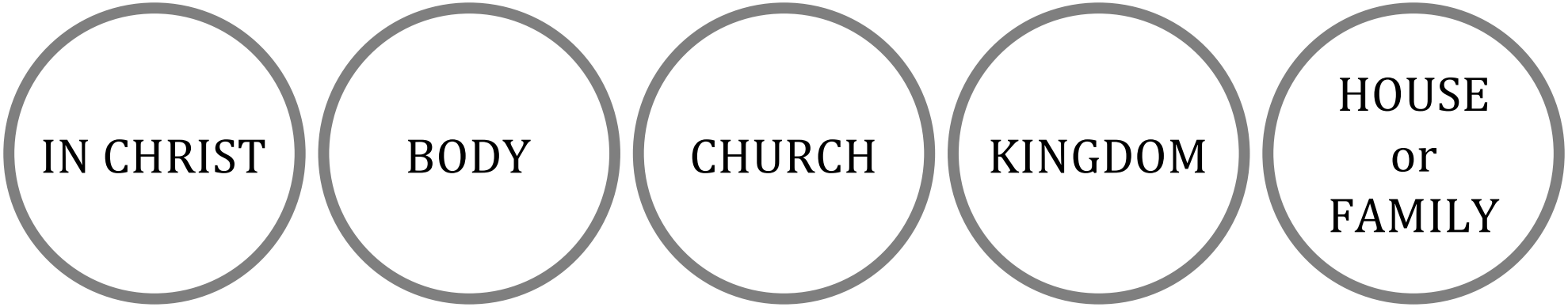
1 Timothy 3:15



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RELATIONSHIPS IN THE CHURCH

IN CHRIST	BODY	CHURCH	KINGDOM	HOUSE or FAMILY
TO JESUS	TO EACH OTHER	TO WORLD	TO AUTHORITY	TO GOD
Acts 9:4	1 Corinthians 12:12-14	1 Peter 2:9	John 18:36	Romans 8:15

IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH

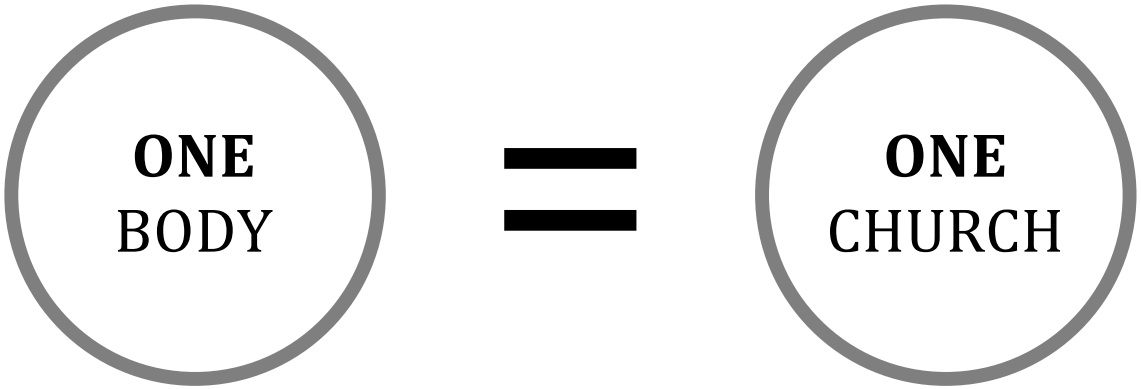
IN CHRIST	BODY	CHURCH	KINGDOM	HOUSE or FAMILY
All Spiritual Blessings	Savior	Blood-Bought	Delivered to God	Heir of God
Ephesians 1:3	Ephesians 5:23	Acts 20:28	1 Corinthians 15:24	Galatians 4:7

{ONE BODY}

Ephesians 4:4 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

BODY is the CHURCH

Ephesians 1:22-23
Colossians 1:18



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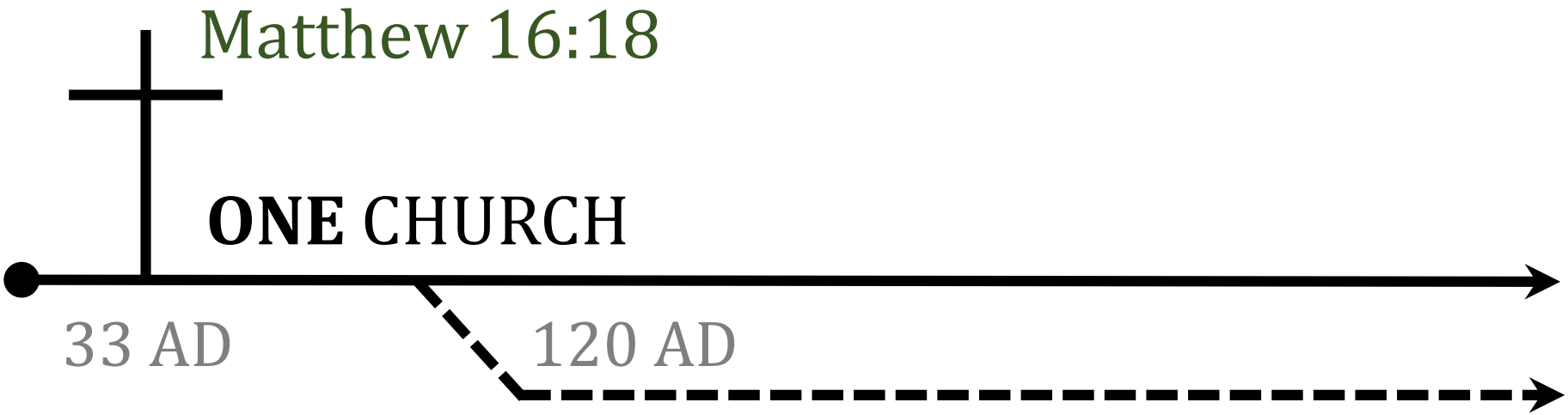
THE FALLING AWAY



1 Timothy 4:1-4
2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

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1. The falling away
2. Through men
3. Forbidding to marry
4. Abstain from meats

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

1. The falling away
2. The man of sin to be revealed
3. Sitting in the temple of God
4. Setting himself forth as God

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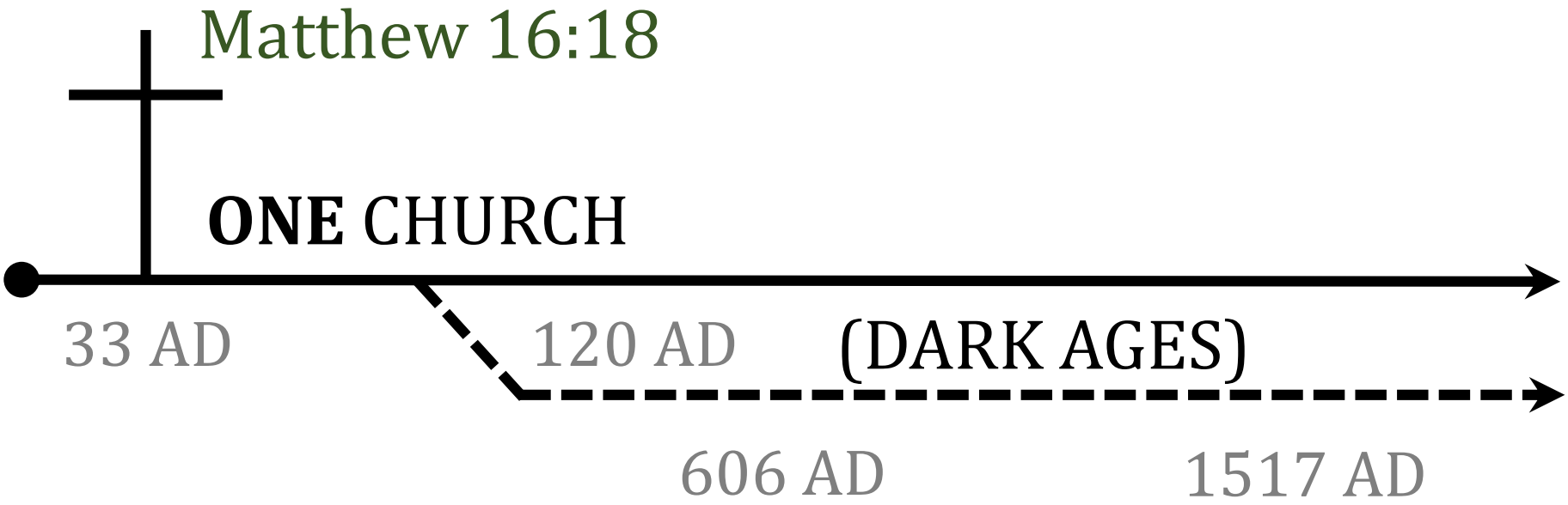

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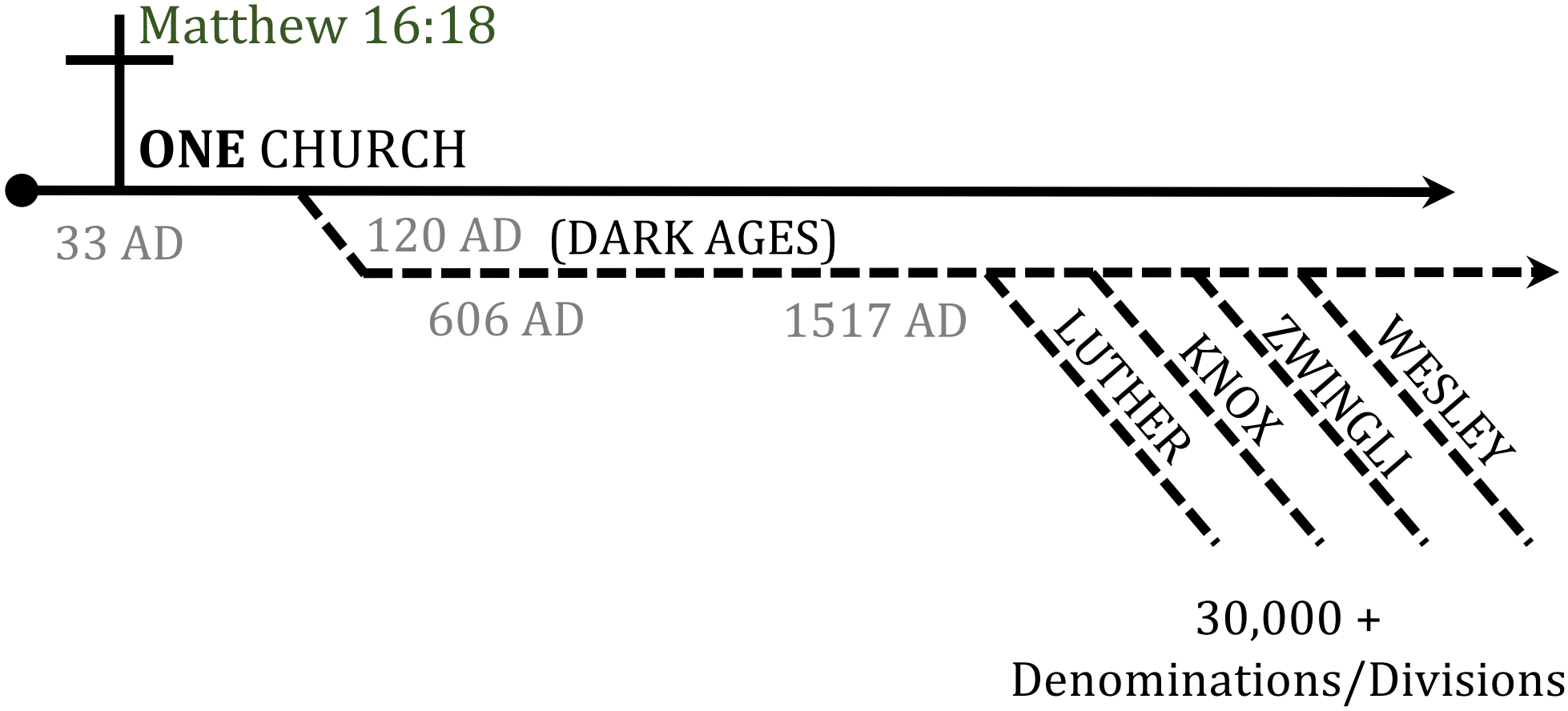


If it were possible

to find the one New Testament church

without any doubt whatsoever,

not depending on me or any other man,

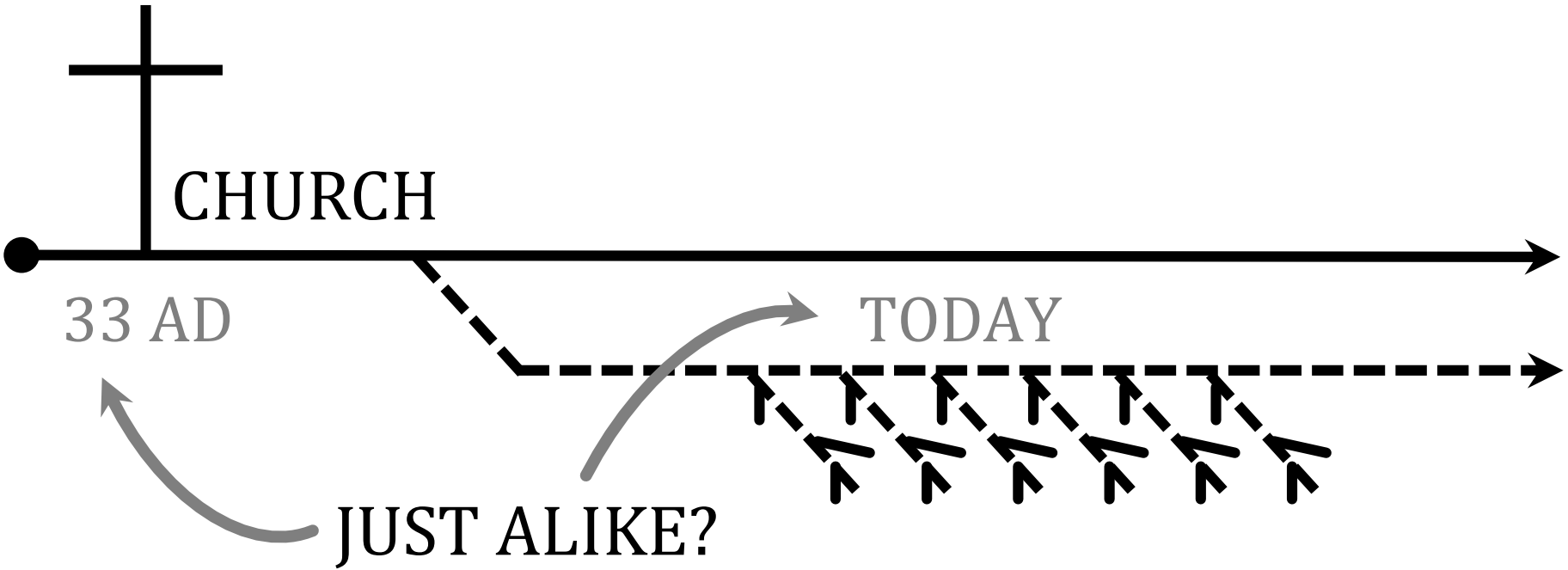
if you could know FOR SURE…

would you want to become a member of **that church**?

We need an infallible description of the New Testament church.

Where do we find it?

1 John 4:1



1. Name
2. Organization
3. Work
4. Worship
5. Membership

{NAME}

1. The church
   Acts 8:3, 9:31

2. The church of Christ
   Romans 16:16

3. The church of God
   1 Corinthians 1:2, 1 Timothy 3:5

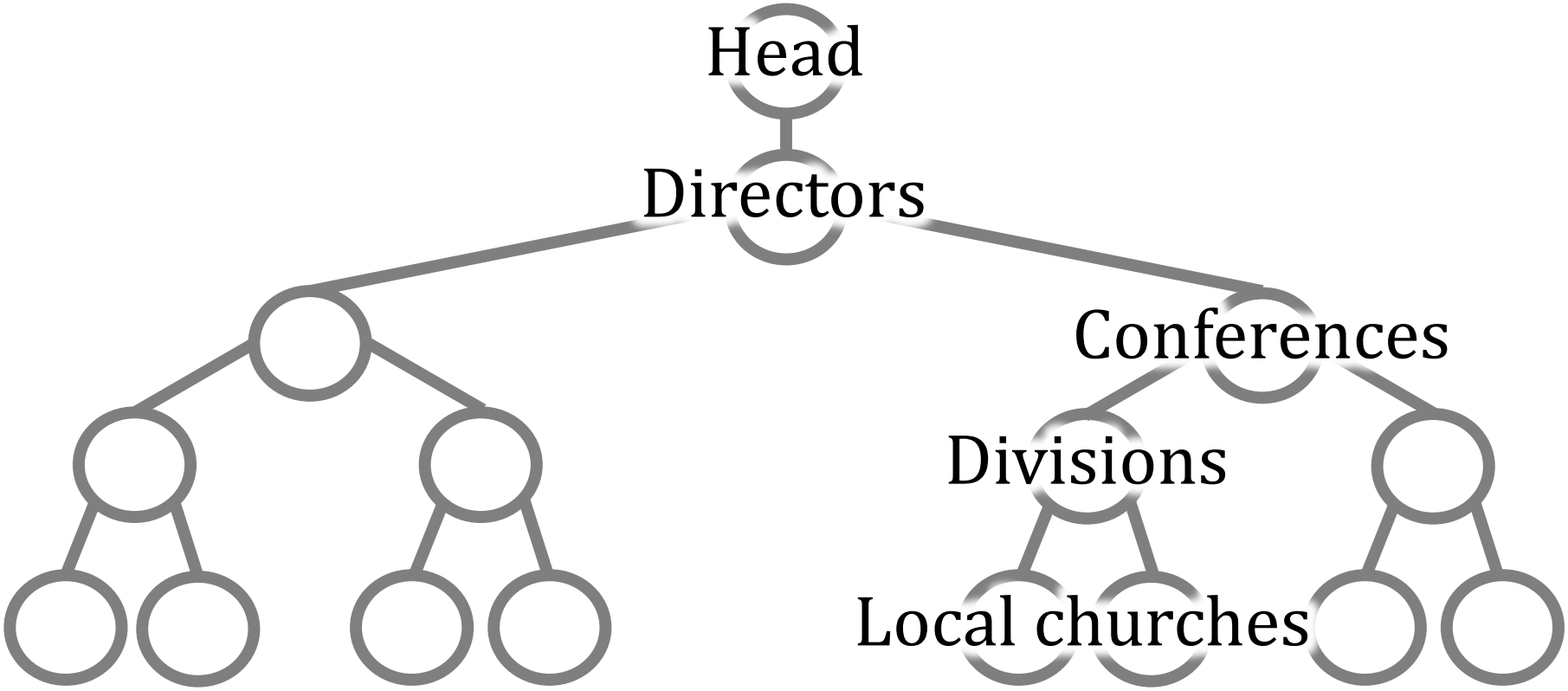
{ORGANIZATION}

1. Elders
   Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5-7, Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:1-3

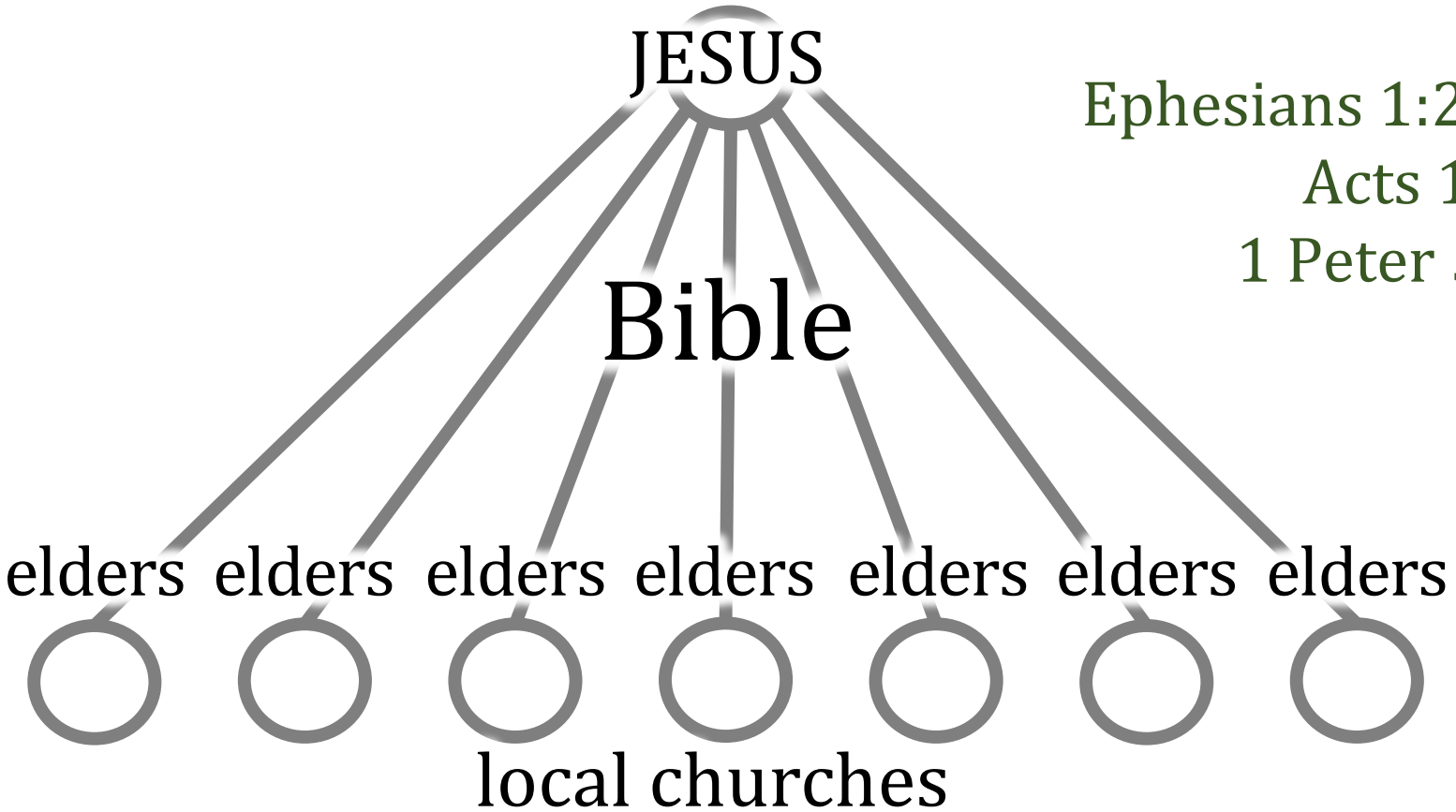
2. Deacons
   1 Timothy 3:8

3. Saints
   1 Corinthians 1:2, Philippians 1:1

HOW MAN ORGANIZES CHURCHES



GOD'S ORGANIZATION



Ephesians 1:20-23
Acts 14:23
1 Peter 5:1-4

{WORK of the CHURCH}

"the pillar and ground of the truth"

1 Timothy 3:15

WORK of the CHURCH

1. Evangelism
   1 Thessalonians 1:8, Philippians 4:15-18

2. Equip the saints
   Ephesians 4:11-16, Hebrews 10:24-25, 13:17

3. Benevolence
   Acts 11:29, Romans 15:25-27

WORK of the CHURCH IS NOT

1. Political
2. Social
3. Community service
4. Recreational

John 18:36

{WORSHIP}

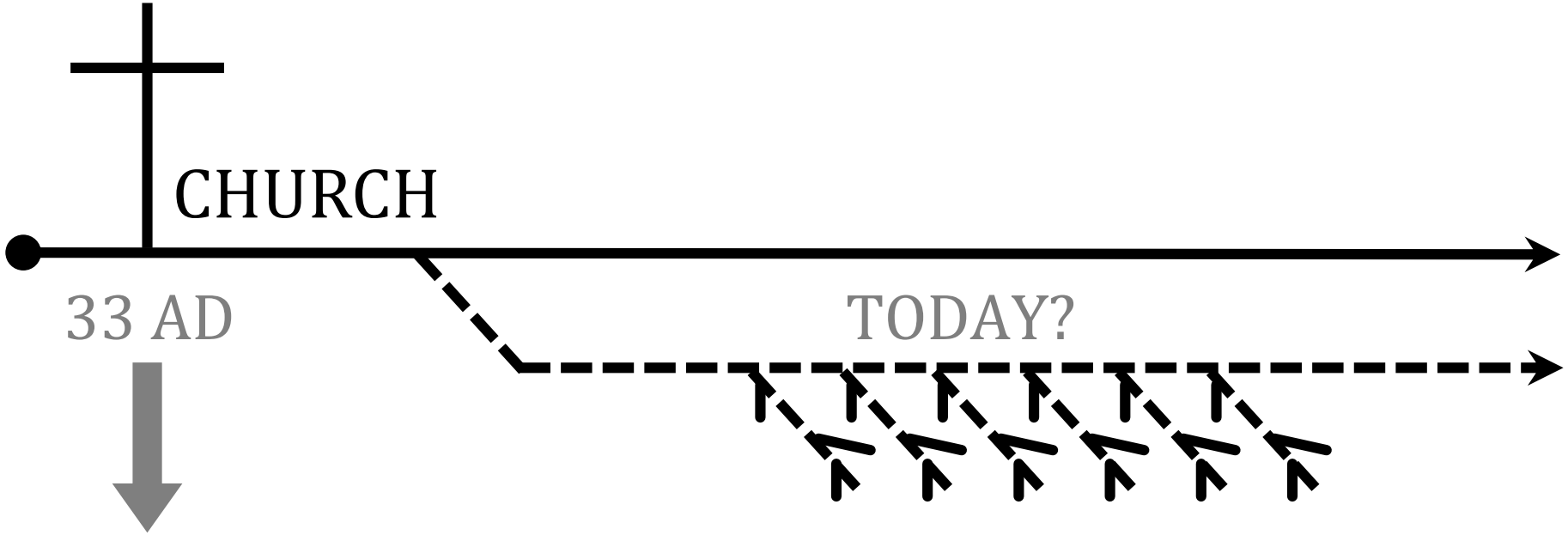
1. PRAY
   1 Timothy 2:8, 1 Corinthians 14:16-17
2. LORD'S SUPPER
   Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 11:17-32
3. SING
   Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16
4. PREACH
   Acts 20:7
5. GIVE
   1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

{MEMBERSHIP}

1. HEAR
   Romans 10:17
2. BELIEVE
   John 8:24, Hebrews 11:6
3. REPENT
   Luke 13:1-3, Matthew 21:28-31, Acts 17:30
4. CONFESS
   Matthew 10:32-33, 1 Timothy 6:12-13
5. BE BAPTIZED
   Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21

{BAPTISM}

1. IN WATER
   Acts 8:36
2. IS A BURIAL
   Romans 6:3-8, John 3:23
3. PUTS YOU IN CHRIST, HIS BODY, THE CHURCH (wherein are all spiritual blessings)
   Galatians 3:26-27, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 1:3
4. FORGIVES SINS
   Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16



NAME
ORGANIZATION
WORK
WORSHIP
MEMBERSHIP

MANY NAMES
COMPLICATED ORGANIZATIONS
EARTHLY WORKS
IRREVERENT WORSHIP
MANY MEMBERSHIPS

1. NAME	← SAME →	1. NAME
2. ORGANIZATION	← SAME →	2. ORGANIZATION
3. WORK	← SAME →	3. WORK
4. WORSHIP	← SAME →	4. WORSHIP
5. MEMBERSHIP	← SAME →	5. MEMBERSHIP

DENOMINATIONAL CHURCHES ARE CREED-BOUND

The Bible + Luther's Catechism = Lutheran
The Bible + Catechism = Catholic
The Bible + Discipline = Methodist
The Bible + Prayer Book = Episcopalian
The Bible + Baptist Manual = Baptist
The Bible + Book of Mormon = Mormon
The Bible + Writings of White = Seventh Day Adventist

The Bible ONLY = **Christians** (the Lord's church)

Is there any way this could be WRONG?

Would **you** like to be
BAPTIZED
and become
JUST A CHRISTIAN?