

THE LORD'S CHURCH IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT...

1. Was planned and purposed before time began Ephesians 3:8-11
2. Was built by and upon Jesus Christ, God's Son Matthew 16:16-18
3. Was purchased with the shed blood of Christ Acts 20:28
4. Has Jesus Christ as its Savior and Head Ephesians 5:23
5. Has no creed but the New Testament Acts 2:36
6. Has no rule of faith or discipline except Christ's word John 14:20-23
7. Has no earthly headquarters Ephesians 1:21-23
8. Is composed of all the saved Acts 2:47
9. Is sanctified and cleansed by Jesus Christ Ephesians 5:26
10. Works and worships in the name of Jesus Christ Acts 4:12
11. Urges the unity of all believers in Jesus Christ Ephesians 4:1-6
12. Will be gloriously presented unto Jesus Christ Ephesians 5:27

REQUIRES NO MORE FOR MEMBERSHIP THAN IS NECESSARY TO BE SAVED

1. Hear the word of God (Acts 15:7).
2. Believe in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16).
3. Repent of sins (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30).
4. Confess Christ before men (Matthew 10:32).
5. Be baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27).

All Spiritual Blessings Are Found in Christ! (Ephesians 1:3)

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Just Do What God Says

Many of us are familiar with First Samuel chapter fifteen. If not, allow me to summarize it for you. Saul is the king of Israel and goes to war with the Amelekites because God tells him to (15:1-3). God, thru Samuel, told Saul to “utterly destroy” everything and everybody because of the Amelekites’s sin. So, Saul goes and destroys everything, except the king, and the best sheep, and the best oxen, and the best—well, Saul spared the best of everything—although he did destroy all the other things (15:7-9).

Because of this, God tells Samuel what Saul had done and that He regretted making Saul king. So, He sends Samuel to talk to Saul (15:10-11). After finding that Saul had set up a monument for himself at Carmel, he goes to Gilgal and finds Saul celebrating (15:12). Saul is happy to see him and even comments on how well he followed the directions to utterly destroy the Amelekites (15:13). Samuel is old but, he isn’t

blind to what Saul had done and he calls Saul out on this and asks why they took plunder (15:14). Saul blamed it on the people (like any good political leader would) and then, tried to play it off like he was going to sacrifice everything to God later (15:15). Samuel tells Saul to stop lying and asks him why he disobeyed God (15:16-19). Saul protested that he *did* obey God (15:20-21) but, Samuel quickly stopped him again and began to tell him why he wasn't going to be king for much longer, saying that the LORD rejects those that reject Him. Saul pleads with Samuel but, Samuel is resolute and tells Saul that a "better man" (whom we later find out is David, a "man after God's own heart") will be taking his place as king (15:28). After that, Samuel kills King Agag, as Saul should have done in the first place, then leaves Saul for the last time (15:32-34).

There are a few things we need to get out of this chapter:

1. *Obeying God requires us to do EVERYTHING He commands us, in the way He commands us to do it. We obey Him because of our faith.*
2. *Pride is behind EVERY sin and causes us to reject God.*
3. *If we reject God, He will reject us.*
4. *If we faithfully obey Him with humility, He will accept us.*

It seems really simple: Do what God says and everything is good. However, people have a hard time with this.



- There are going to be people that are just like Saul, who think they are fully obeying God. These people, because of their pride or ignorance, will convince themselves that they are doing what God commanded them to do when it couldn't be any further from the truth. These people are the people that will teach you that God will accept instrumental music as worship or polygamy or pizza & beer for the Lord's Supper or divorce for any reason or substance abuse or recreational activities as worship because it is what makes such people happy.
- Then, there are going to be people that just don't care. These people, because of their pride or ignorance, will convince themselves that they are fine and that it doesn't matter what they do. These people will do anything because it's what makes them happy.

In both cases, people are disobedient to God because of their pride or ignorance. In both cases, people are

either prideful or choose to remain ignorant because they are selfish.

They want to be happy. There's just one problem. You can't be happy while disobedient. You look at Saul after he commits his prideful sin and he is devastated. But sin doesn't just make you unhappy, it makes everyone involved unhappy. Once again, Saul made Samuel and, later, Agag unhappy by all of this. But, the person it makes the most unhappy is God, and it makes him unhappy because it says to Him that we are rejecting Him. Because He is a just God, He must then reject us.

Do what God says and everything will be good. That doesn't mean to do *LESS* than God said. It doesn't mean to do *MORE* than God said. It simply means do *WHAT* God said. Show God that you have faith in Him by obeying His commands. Show God your humility by obeying His commands. Accept Him and He, because He is a just God, will gladly accept you.

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