

**MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE CHURCH**

**MATTHEW 16:13-18**

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**MANY MISCONCEPTIONS IN WORLD**

**French fries come from Belgium  
Warts caused by virus not toads  
Separation of church and state**

**BIBLE**

**3 wise men  
2 of each animal in ark**

**NOT DANGEROUS – SOME ARE**

**MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE CHURCH**

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**STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH**

**DISTRICTS, SYNODS, HEADQUARTERS,  
CONFERENCES, ETC.**

**THREE OFFICES IN CHURCH**

**AUTHORITY IN LOCAL CHURCH**

**NO ORGANIZATION ABOVE LOCAL**

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**ELDERS, BISOPS, PASTORS**

**REFER TO SAME MEN**

**1 PETER 5:1-3**

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

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**DEACONS**

**1 TIMOTHY 3:8-12**

**SERVE UNDER LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS**

**EVANGELIST**

**2 TIMOTHY 4:2**

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

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**WHO THE CHURCH IS**

**ACTS 2:47**

praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**WANT CHRIST AND SALVATION NOT  
CHURCH - IMPOSSIBLE**

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**WHERE THE CHURCH IS**

**SOMETHING YOU DO ONCE WEEK AND  
DONE**

**DISMISSAL PRAYER LEAVE CHURCH  
BEHIND**

**WHERE WE GO THE CHURCH GOES**

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**ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE**

**TEXT**

**EPHESIANS 4:4-6**

**There is one body and one Spirit-- just as  
you were called to one hope when you were  
called-- one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all, who is over all  
and through all and in all.**

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**PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH**

**EPHESIANS 3:10-11**

**His intent was that now, through the church,  
the manifold wisdom of God should be  
made known to the rulers and authorities in  
the heavenly realms, according to his  
eternal purpose which he accomplished in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**POLITICAL, ENTERTAINMENT, SOCIAL,  
BENEVOLENCE, ETC.**

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