

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH SCORECARD –

THE INCONVENIENT TRUTH

HOW DOES YOUR CHURCH STACK UP AGAINST THE SCRIPTURES? TAKE THIS QUIZ AND FIND OUT.

No.	Question	Score
1	<p>The following describes what I see when I go in my church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Pictures of Jesus B. Ornamental sculpture(s) of Jesus on the cross C. Other pictorial, sculpture, or image representations of religious symbols (e.g., crosses, Jesus “fish”, images in stained glass, pictures and sculptures of Mary, heaven, stars, and gold and silver ornaments) D. None of the above 	
	<p>QUESTION SCORING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Score minus 10 points for <u>each</u> answer selected A-C. For example, if your church has a picture(s) of Jesus on the wall, a sculpture of Jesus on the cross, a wooden cross on the pulpit and a sculpture of Mary you would score -40 point. ▪ For any answer other than D, realize that the wrath of God and hellfire abides upon idolators. Idolatry is no small matter and idolatry greatly angers the Lord your God. The New Testament says idolators “shall not inherit the kingdom.” Gal. 5:19-21. ▪ For answer D, score plus 10 points. 	<p>Total Question Score</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<p>SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inconvenient truth is that graven images, idols and the like are absolutely forbidden in the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. This starts at the 2nd Commandment and goes throughout the scriptures. • Exodus 20:4 (the 2nd Commandment) <i>Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.</i> • Gal 5:19-21 <i>Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; ... uncleanness, lasciviousness, <u>idolatry ... and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.</u></i> • In Exodus 32:1-25 the Israelites made a golden calf and worshipped it (when Moses went on the mount for 40 days). The Israelites regularly sacrificed oxen and calves to the LORD so such animals were deeply religious symbols. This greatly angered the LORD and the LORD killed three thousand men dead on one day. • Jer 8:19 <i>Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?</i> • Duet. 5:8 <i>Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth.</i> • 1 Kings 14:22-23 <u>And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.</u> • Jer 1:16 <i>And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.</i> • Mic 1:7 <i>And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.</i> • Acts 15:20 <i>But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols.</i> • 1 Cor. 5:9-11 <i>I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out</i> 		

of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, **or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.**

- **1 Cor 8:4-6** As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, **we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.** For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.
- **1 Cor 10:6-11** Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. **Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play...** Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- **1 Cor. 10:14** Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee from idolatry.**
- **2 Cor 6:14-16** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And **what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?** for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- **Eph 5:5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**
- **1 Thes 1:9-10** For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and **how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.
- **1 Peter 4:2-4** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you.
- **1 John 5:21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols.
- **Rev 2:20** **Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee,** because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, **and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.**
- **Rev 9:20-21** And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.
- Rev 22:14-15 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
- **Rev. 21:8** **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and idolaters... shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**
- In **Acts 19:23-41** Paul enraged the craftsmen that made their living making idols with these words: *they be no gods, which are made with hands.* This caused a huge stir and they were full of wrath against Paul for endangering their livelihood.

See also: **Lev. 26:1, Duet. 4:16, Duet. 4:25, Duet. 27:15, Duet. 31:16-18.**

No.	Question	Score
2	<p>The following describes who can be members in good standing of my church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. People that are actively committing fornication (having sex without being married) B. People that have been married, divorced and then remarried (including purchasing an annulment) C. Homosexuals or bisexuals D. All people – my church does not discipline church members or concern itself with the sexual activity of its members E. No one is allowed to be a member that is committing fornication, has been divorced and remarried, is committing adultery (sex outside of the marriage bed, except for a widow that is remarried to a non-divorced spouse) or is a homosexual, bisexual or transgendered person 	
<p>QUESTION SCORING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-D; if selected D alone, score minus 40 points. For answer E, score plus 10 points. ▪ For any answer other than E, understand that the scriptures clearly state that fornicators, adulterers, whoremongers, and sodomites God will judge and hell fire awaits such people that engage in that behavior. It's that simple. Heb 13:4; Gal. 5:19, 1 Cor.6:9. 		<p>Total Question Score</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE:

- The inconvenient truth is that parishioners that are actively committing abominable sins cannot be members of the New Testament church. This prohibition against sexual impurities comes from the 7th commandment:
 - Ex. 20:14 **Thou shalt not commit adultery** and is restated by Jesus in the New Testament;
 - Mat. 19:18 **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**
- Heb. 13:4 ... **Whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.** Now, how more clear can it be? How more plain could Paul make it?
- Lev. 20:10 **And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.** Hey, that sounds a little bit hateful.
- Jesus called his generation **"an evil and adulterous generation"** Mat. 12:39; **"a wicked and adulterous generation"** Mat. 16:4; an **"adulterous and sinful generation"** Mark 8:38.
- Gal. 5:19 **Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness... that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** Again, how more plain do you want it than that?
- Prov. 6:32 **But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.**
- Mal. 2:14-16 *The LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant..and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. **For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away:** for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*
- Jer. 5:7-11 **How shall I pardon thee for this?... they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?** *Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD'S. For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.*

- **Duet. 23:17-18** *There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.*
- **Eph. 5:3** **But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints.**
- **Mark 7:20-23** *And he (Jesus) said, ...**For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications ... All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.***
- **1 Cor. 6:13** *Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body... Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid... **Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.***
- **1 Thes. 4:2-2** **For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus... that ye should abstain from fornication.**
- **1 Cor. 6:9** **Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind (sodomites/homosexuals)... shall inherit the kingdom of God.** Again, one more time, how much more plain can it be made?
- **Eph. 5:5** **For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.** Did you miss it in the previous verse, here it is again, just so you will remember it!
- **Rev. 21:8** *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable... **and whoremongers... shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.** Did you catch that? Whoremongers go to... wait for it... wait for it... hell, the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.*
- **Rev. 19:2** *For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication.*
- **Rev. 22:14-16** *Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and fornicators...*
- **Gen. 13:13** - *But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.*
- **Lev. 18:22-25** **Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.**
- **Lev. 20:13** **If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.**
- **Mat. 19:4-6** **And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**
- **Luke 17:26-32** (Jesus) *And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*
- **Rom. 1:26** **For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.**
- **Jude 6-7** *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. **Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh (homosexuality), are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.** Again, the words are plain - sodomites, fornicators and they that go after strange flesh (homosexuals) suffer the vengeance of eternal fire.*
- The story at 1st Corinthians 5 makes it undeniably plain that Church members taken in grievous faults must be excluded for the sake of the rest of the Church or they will corrupt the whole Church. **1 Cor. 5:1-13** *It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named*

*among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife (e.g. stepmother)... Your glorying is not good. **Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.** For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. **I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators...But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat...Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.***

No.	Question	Score
3	<p>The following describes the social events sponsored by my church:</p> <p>A. Potluck dinners, easter egg hunts, secret Santa, trunk or treats, singles nights, bingo nights, pancake feeds, and other social events are common</p> <p>B. Plays, musical practices/concerts/events, social trips, Christmas bazaars, and parties</p> <p>C. Sporting events including intramural basketball/softball leagues, golf tournaments, and/or sport-related events</p> <p>D. None</p>	
<p>QUESTION SCORING: Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-C. For answer D, score plus 10 points.</p>		<p>Total Question Score</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

Scriptural Reference:

- The inconvenient truth is that there are few, if any, examples in the Bible for the New Testament Church being a social institution.
- In the New Testament nearly exclusively the focus of the Churches were on obedience to God, preaching and being constantly under persecution. 2 Cor. 1:7 *And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, **that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life.*** Being pressed out of measure, above strength, to despairing of life itself is not conducive to bingo nights and easter egg hunts.
- The Lord Jesus Christ and nearly all of the disciples and apostles in the New Testament were murdered. The Churches and their members were persecuted and hated. Heb 11:36 *And others **had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;** (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise. The Churches of the New Testament were not social institutions.*
- In the New Testament, the Churches were concerned with obedience to God, keeping the commandments and surviving in an environment that hated their existence.
- **Mt 10:22-24 *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.***
- **John 15:18-19 *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.***
- **John 17:14 *I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.***
- **Philippians 1:29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake.
- In the Old Testament there were some feast days but they were primarily religious events as opposed to being primarily social events, and even then the Lord hated them when the people turned their hands to filthy behavior (fornication, adultery, idolatry, etc.) and forsook him. So much for God not hating anything.
- **Isaiah 1:14 - *Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am***

weary to bear them.

- **Isaiah 5:12** *And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.*
- **Jeremiah 16:8** *Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days... And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law.*
- **Jeremiah 51:39** *In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD. I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.*
- **Amos 5:21** *I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.*
- **Amos 8:10** *And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.*
- These feasts were places for false teachers to be admired and fawned over, provoking the LORD God. See, e.g., **Matthew 23: 5** *But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.*

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4	<p>The following describes who can be a bishop, elder, deacon, or pastor in my church:</p> <p>A. Women</p> <p>B. Homosexual or bisexual</p> <p>C. Individual(s) that have been married and divorced</p> <p>D. Individuals who have been in sex scandals</p> <p>E. A man, who is the husband of one wife, with children and a wife that are in subjection; or an unmarried man (not divorced and not a fornicator)</p>	Total Question Score
	<p>QUESTION SCORING:</p> <p>A. Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-D. For answer E, score plus 10 points.</p>	<input type="text"/>

Scriptural Reference:

1st Timothy 3 sets the requirements for a bishop/elder in the New Testament (see below). While women can serve many important posts in a New Testament Church, bishop or preacher is not one of them (see below).

Women:

- In the Old Testament only the Levites (males) could be priests. Num 3:1- *These also are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai. And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office... And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel. The priests to whom Moses delivered the law were men. Deuteronomy 31:9 9 - And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.*
- **1st Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression...**
- **Rev. 2:18-20 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first, **Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.****

Homosexuals/Bisexuals/Married and Divorced:

- **1st Timothy 3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. **A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; **One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)...****** Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- **Titus 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: **If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.**** For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Single man

- **1 Cor. 7:7** *For I would that all men were even as I myself... I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.*

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5	<p>The following describes the separate groups/sessions/classes available in my church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Sunday school for young children B. Youth groups for teens C. Adult groups, singles groups and/or men or women groups D. Contemporary worship service E. None – everyone, no matter age or gender attends one service 	
QUESTION SCORING:		Total Question Score
Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-D. For answer E, score plus 10 points.		<input style="width: 75px; height: 42px;" type="text"/>

Scriptural Reference:

- While nearly all churches now have “Sunday Schools” and such groups, the New Testament contains no authority for anything other than the church coming together to meet as a single group. **Hebrews 10:25** calls out the duty of each church member to be present in the assembling of the body - *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.* **Deuteronomy 6** identifies the duty of parents to their children – parents should sit with their children in their house every day, and in every way teach them what the LORD their God requires of them.
- The concept of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament is that it is a democracy, with all members in attendance; and all actions taken by the Church are done unanimously without ego or ill will and the group acts in one accord.
- **Acts 1:14** - *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*
- **Acts 2:1** *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*
- **Acts 4:24** *And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is.*
- **Acts 15:25** *It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul*
- **Phil. 2:1** *If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

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6	<p>The following describes my church's sanctuary.</p> <p>A. Beautiful ornate sanctuary with high ceilings, stained glass and other beautiful elements</p> <p>B. Massive auditorium that seats thousands, has special lighting, sound system, stage, cameras or large screens</p> <p>C. Small to medium-sized sanctuary that is still beautiful and full of religious symbolism</p> <p>D. Plain, austere sanctuary with no religious symbolism</p>	
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Scriptural Reference:

The churches of today have spent billions of dollars to erect elaborate monolithic buildings that are grand and opulent, as a substitute for obeying God. These giant idols testify to their greed, covetousness and selfishness. Yet, this is not what is important to God. There certainly is no church as splendid as the Temple of Solomon, yet when Solomon dedicated the Temple, the LORD God said that if Israel abandoned his commandments and statutes then he would destroy Israel and the Temple. This generation thinks that if it builds big beautiful churches it will make up for their lack of keeping the commandments, lack of any fear God, and their generally filthy manner of life. In the Old Testament the Israelites thought they could make up for their filthy behavior by sacrificing more and more animals as a substitute for obeying God. That didn't work either (see Isaiah 1:10).

Isaiah 1:10-14 *Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.*

It has never been about the buildings and the idols and the images; it is about obeying the statutes and the commandments. Several places in the New Testament it says that God does not dwell in temples made with hands. In addition, the New Testament says that you don't even need a church at all. It says that where ever two or three are gathered in his name there God is in the midst of them.

- 1 Kings 9:1-9** *And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all*

people: And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

- **Heb 9:24** *For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*
- **Acts 7:48** *Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet.*
- **Acts 17:24** *God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.*
- **Matt. 18:20** - *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*
- Church services were modestly conducted in the homes of church members. See, e.g., **1 Corinthians 16:19**; **Colossians. 4:15**; **Philemon 2**

- **De 6:13** *Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.*
- **De 6:24** *And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.*
- **Sam 12:14** *If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God: But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.*
- **Eccl. 12:13** *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*
- **2Cor 7:1** *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*
- **Heb 12:28** *Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.*
- God did not spare the opulent temple of Solomon. Herod had added beauty and splendor to it, and Christ said it was all going to be thrown down. **Matthew 24:1-2** - **1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

No.	Question	Score
7	<p>The following describes my church's association with other churches/religious institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The church is owned by a central international religious organization that is one of the oldest and largest organizations in the world, has enormous and vast financial, real estate and art holdings in the world and exercises close control over all local churches. B. The church belongs to an international or national organization that has a central governing body that exercises some control over the church. C. The church loosely belongs to an Association but the Association does not exercise close control over its members D. The church participates in non-denominational religious groups E. The church is independent, local and autonomous and has no formal affiliation with other churches 	
<p>QUESTION SCORING: Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-D. For answer E, score plus 10 points.</p>		<p>Total Question Score</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<p>Scriptural Reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each of the Churches in the New Testament were completely independent, autonomous bodies, located in different cities. There is no evidence in the New Testament that there was a central governing body. In Revelation 2 the Lord Jesus Christ speaks to seven separate and distinct Churches. He speaks to each Church separately both to their good works and to their bad works. • The New Testament never mentions a pope, an international organization, an association, or anything akin to that. • When the apostles such as Paul wrote to the Churches he wrote to each one independently (e.g., Corinth, Rome, Philippi, Colosse, Thessalonica, etc.). 		

No.	Question	Score
8	<p>The following describes my church's educational/business activities:</p> <p>A. The church operates a daycare/preschool, elementary school, middle/high school or university.</p> <p>B. The church has various business ventures or sells products, or has endowments or manages real estate and other holdings.</p> <p>C. The church has a variety of fundraisers such as bingo nights or festivals or sales programs, or gift shops, or donation drives, or other marketing programs for giving.</p> <p>D. The church has no other activities other than to operate as a church.</p>	
<p>QUESTION SCORING: Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-C. For answer D, score plus 10 points.</p>		<p>Total Question Score</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

Scriptural Reference:

- There is not a single example in the New Testament where a Church did anything other than operate as a church. There are no gift shops, schools, day cares, universities, bingo nights, or donation drive, operated by a single one of the New Testament churches. Not one. They would never have done any of these activities because the focus of all New Testament churches was survival, obedience to God and preaching.
- **1Tim 6:9** *But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*
- The “preachers” of this generation are motivated by money. In seminaries they are taught various strategies for raising funds. If a “preacher” doesn’t meet his quota in fund-raising his or her job is in jeopardy. It is impossible to expect any truth to be told in an environment of filthy lucre.
- Christ was angered by the money makers in the synagogue. It is simply wrong to see “church” as a place to make money. Yet that is precisely what the American “Christian” industry is doing.
- **Mt 21:12-13** *And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*
The Jews of Jesus’ day turned the temple of God into filthy lucre, into a place of commerce; this was never the purpose of the church of God.
- Filthy lucre is expressly condemned in the New Testament. Notice in the verses below that the group told *not* to seek after filthy lucre is the leaders of the church; yet in the practice of America’s churches today, the opposite is true. There are many leaders in churches whose main function is fund raising. Some people go to church to make business connections. The entire “church” system of America is nothing but a greedy money-making machine.
- **1 Tim 3:3** *Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous.*
- **1 Tim 3:8** *Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre.*
- **Tit 1:7** *For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre.*
- **Tit 1:11** *Whose mouths (false prophets) must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake.*
- **1 Pet 5:2** *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.*
- The time has come when the “preachers” have itching ears – listening closely to the people to find out what they want to hear, so they can teach them those lies. Otherwise their salary, benefits and pension are in jeopardy.

- **2 Ti 4:3-4** *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*
- In the New Testament, the Churches were concerned with obedience to God, keeping the commandments, surviving in an environment that hated their existence and fighting against false religious systems and government.
- **Mt 10:22-24** *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.*
- **John 15:18-19** *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*
- **John 17:14** *I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*
- **1 John 3:13** *Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.*
- **Mat 5:10** *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

Further, the people of God suffer affliction for publishing the words of the Bible among their generation; and they choose (by grace) to suffer these afflictions rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. This is NOT an attribute that you see in the "churches" of America today.

- **2 Cor 4:17** *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*
- **2 Cor 8:2** *How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.*
- **1 Th 1:6** *And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.*
- **1 Th 3:7** *Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith.*
- **Heb 11:25** *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.*
- **Jas 5:10** *Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.*

No.	Question	Score
9	<p>The following describes my church's policy regarding member attendance.</p> <p>A. The church has no expectation regarding member attendance; members attend when they want.</p> <p>B. Many of our members only come to special services such as Christmas or easter.</p> <p>C. Attendance is not required for membership in my church, we have members that do not come to church that we nonetheless call members.</p> <p>D. Attendance by members is required for membership.</p>	
<p>QUESTION SCORING: Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-C. For answer D, score plus 10 points.</p>		<p>Total Question Score</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

Scriptural Reference:

- The Churches in the New Testament were made up of committed, voluntary members that earnestly sought the Kingdom of God with all of their might. They were not lukewarm and they did not forsake the assembling of themselves together.
- **Heb 11:25** *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*
- **Jude 1:3** *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*
- **Rev 3:16** *So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*
- **Ecc 9:10** *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*
- **Mal 3:16** *Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.*
- **Col. 3:15-16** - And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- The directives of **1 Thessalonians 5** would be of no effect, except all the church be – and stay – together.
- **1 Cor. 5:** 1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 ¶ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- **Ac 20:7** And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.
- **1Co 16:2** Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Further there are many verses about being of one accord – how you do that when you are not in each other's immediate presence, on the ground?

- **Ac 1:14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.
- **Ac 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- **Ac 2:46** And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
- **Ac 4:24** And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:
- **Ac 5:12** And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.
- **Ac 8:6** And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
- **Ac 15:25** It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
- **Php 2:2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Likewise, these words about walking by the same rule – who can know what you have attained to except as you see it on the ground and look out for each other? In addition, how can you meet the requirement to exhort one another daily if you cannot see one another?

- **Phil 3:15 ¶** Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. 16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.
- **Heb 3:12** Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

No.	Question	Score
10.	<p>The following describes my church's position on members that are alcoholics, idolators, railors, extortioners, or whoremongers.</p> <p>A. They are openly welcome at my church. B. They are allowed to be full members of my church. C. The church does not identify people by what they do. D. They cannot be members of the church.</p>	
QUESTION SCORING:		Total Question Score
Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-C; if selected C alone, score minus 30 points. For answer D, score plus 10 points.		<input style="width: 75px; height: 43px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>

Scriptural Reference:

- **1 Cor 5:9** *I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators... But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.*
- **1 Cor. 6:9** *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*
- **Isaiah 5:11** *Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!*
- **Isaiah 5:21-25** *Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! **Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:** Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.*
- **Isa 28:7** *But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.*
- **Hab 2;15** *Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD'S right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.*
- **1 Pet. 4:1-3** *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, **excess of wine, revellings, banquetings,** and abominable idolatries.*
- **Eph 5:15-18** *See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. **And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.***
- **1 Thes 5:2-7** *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. **For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.***
- **Tit 2:2** ***That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.***

- **Gal 5:19-21** *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness... murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*
- **1 Pe 1:13** *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
- **1 Pe 4:7** *But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*
- **1 Pe 5:8** *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*
- **Heb 13:4** *Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*
- **Re 21:8** *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*
- **Re 22:15** *For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

No.	Question	Score
11.	<p>The following describes my church's position on member hair practices.</p> <p>A. Are you kidding? We don't mandate any practices regarding our member's hair. Woman can have short hair, come to church with their hair uncovered and men can have long hair.</p> <p>B. Women are expected to cover their hair in church and to have uncut/long hair; men are expected to have short hair.</p>	
<p>QUESTION SCORING: Score minus 10 points for each answer A. For answer B, score plus 10 points.</p>		<p>Total Question Score</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

Scriptural Reference:

I Cor. 11 forever speaks to the issue of hair length and coverings in church. The Apostle Paul is very clear on these issues.

Women with a covering over their hair in Church

- **1 Cor 11:5-13** *But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.. Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?*

Men to have short hair

- **1 Cor 11:14** Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

Women to have long hair

- **1 Cor 11:15** *But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.*

The hair to the woman is as the church is to Christ, her "head"; and is the ornament of beauty, not to be changed by human invention. **Song of Solomon 4:1** - Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.

No.	Question	Score
12.	<p>The following describes fundraisers at my church.</p> <p>A. The pastor/priest regularly campaigns for donations at the pulpit.</p> <p>B. The “plate” is regularly passed at church services and functions.</p> <p>C. The church regularly uses directed mailings, e-mails, television campaigns, etc. aimed at raising money.</p> <p>D. Members willingly donate a tithe (10%) of their earning and any other offerings they choose to make – the church conducts no fundraising activities.</p>	
<p>QUESTION SCORING: Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-C. For answer D, score plus 10 points.</p>		<p>Total Question Score</p> <div data-bbox="1214 632 1336 722" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 75px; height: 43px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

Scriptural Reference:

- See the answer to Question 8. There is no scriptural authority for donation drives, passing the “plate,” direct marketing, etc.
- There is authority in the Bible for people to voluntarily tithe a tenth of their increase to the Lord and make voluntary offerings to the Church.
- **Mal 3:8** *Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*
- **Heb 7:5** *And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:*
- **Heb 7:6** *But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.*
- **Lev 27:30** *And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD’S: it is holy unto the LORD.*
- **De 14:22** *Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.*
- **2Ch 31:5** *And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.*
- **Nu 18:26** *Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe.*
- **Ne 13:12** *Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.*
- The concept of “offerings” is spoken of 637 times in scripture – it’s your individual and voluntary sacrifice to God – solemnly, gratefully, privately made – not your tacky leftovers pulled out of you publicly.

No.	Question	Score
13.	<p>The following describes my church’s marketing activities.</p>	

- A. To compete for members the church has had to hire marketing consultants or paid staff to do marketing.
- B. The church uses television ads, radio ads, telemarketing or Internet ads to try and gain new members.
- C. The church uses direct mailings, newspaper ads, neighborhood door knockers/publications to attract new members.
- D. The church conducts no marketing.

QUESTION SCORING:

Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-C. For answer D, score plus 10 points.

Total Question Score

Scriptural Reference:

- There is no scriptural support in the New Testament for churches to engage in marketing and/or to compete for members.
- Churches in the New Testament preached the doctrines that were delivered to them without respect for how it would hit the ears of the hearer. They say the words of God and rebuke and preach to their generation. Rebuking is the opposite of marketing and it is what the people of God have done in every age.
- **2Ti 4:2** *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.* No marketing will fix this.
- **Isaiah 57: 20** *But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.*
- **Le 19:17** *Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.*
- **De 28:20** *The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.*
- **Pr 27:5** *Open rebuke is better than secret love.*
- **Ec 7:5** *It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.*
- **1Ti 5:20** *Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.*
- **Tit 1:13** *This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;*
- **Tit 2:15** *These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*
- The people of this generation don't want to know right things, they want smooth things. They want to be marketed to. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't engage in marketing and prophesying smooth things, they prophesy right things. **Isaiah 30:9** *That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits.*
- The prophet Isaiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Apostle Paul all exclaimed with a rhetorical question to wit: Who hath believed our report? The rhetorical answer: no one.
- **Isa 53:1** *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*
- **Joh 12:38** *That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.* No marketing is going to fix this.
- **Ro 10:16** *But they have not all obeyed the gospel.* For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
- **Mat 3:1** *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness..O' generation of vipers who hat warned you to flee from the wrath to come.*

- **Mt 23:15** *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.* That “compassing” includes marketing of every kind!
- **1 Cor 2:4** And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.
- **Col 2:4-8** And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
- 2 Thes 2:9 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders
- Rev. 13:13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men

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14.	<p>The following describes how baptisms are conducted in my church.</p> <p>A. Baptisms are done on unconscious infants with no profession of faith</p> <p>B. Baptisms are conducted by sprinkling water</p> <p>C. Baptisms are family events complete with white dresses</p> <p>D. Baptisms are only done after a profession of faith, and only by submersion.</p>	
<p>QUESTION SCORING: Score minus 10 points for each answer selected A-C. For answer D, score plus 10 points.</p>		<p>Total Question Score</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

Scriptural Reference:

- In the New Testament there is absolutely no evidence that an infant (or anyone else for that matter with no profession of faith) was baptized. Likewise there is no evidence of any kind that baptisms were conducted by sprinkling water. There is also no evidence that there was a cottage industry of selling white dresses and related paraphernalia regarding baptisms.
- What is shown in the New Testament about baptism is that it is only done with professing believers in bodies of water.
- **Mt 3:16** *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*
- **Acts 8:26** *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth... Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. **And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.***
- Repentance must come before being baptized. See **Acts 2:38** - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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15.	<p>The following describes how the Lord's Supper is conducted at my church.</p> <p>A. Wafers are used to represent the body.</p> <p>B. Grape juice is used to represent the blood.</p> <p>C. Grape juice or wine is provided in small cups</p> <p>D. Only members in good standing can take part; a loaf of unleavened bread is blessed and then broken; thanks is given for one cup of wine; members in good standing taking of each; and at the end the Church sings a song and departs.</p>	
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Scriptural Reference:

- There is no scriptural reference for wafers, grape juice, little cups, etc. used in the Lord's Supper. The Last Supper of Jesus with his 12 disciples was in fact the Passover (see below). As such, there is no question that the bread used at the Passover was unleavened (see below). Likewise there is no question that the substance in the cup that is metaphorically Jesus's blood was wine. This shown in 1 Cor. 11:20-22 where Paul rebukes the Corinthians for getting drunk at the Lord's Supper (see below).
- **Matt. 26:17-19,26-30** Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. **And he took the cup**, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.
- **1 Cor. 11:23** - ... That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. **After the same manner also he took the cup**, when he had supped, saying, **This cup** is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
- **1 Cor. 11:18**- When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, **and another is drunken**. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.
- Leaven is used in the New Testament to represent false religion systems. Mr 8:15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.
- 1 Cor. 5:6 - ...Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the

old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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16.	<p>The following describes most of the sermons preached in my church.</p> <p>A. They are usually about Jesus'/God's general love, His forgiveness, inclusion, heaven, and things we can do to better ourselves</p> <p>B. They are nearly always out of the New Testament and rarely, if ever, are from the Old Testament</p> <p>C. They are typically about the prosperity of those that worship Jesus</p> <p>D. They are authoritative, Bible referenced from both the Old and New Testament and include the fear of God, obedience to God/commandments, living soberly, and judgment/hell.</p>	
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Scriptural Reference:

- The prophets and apostles of God in the Bible were NOT mealy-mouth, timid, effeminate wimps. They were strong willed, bold people who troubled their generations and demanded the people to fear God, keep his commandments, live soberly, and not willfully sin after the flesh.
- For example, in the Sermon on the Mount found at Matthew 5 the Lord Jesus Christ preached against murder, adultery, bearing false witness, etc.
- The speech made by the apostle Stephen at the Sanhedrin in Acts chapter 7 is a great example. Stephen chewed out the Jews for all of their rebellion and filthy ways and for it they gnashed on him with their teeth and then stoned him to death. If your preaching doesn't do this, there is something wrong with it.
- **Acts 7:51-52** *Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.*
- **Mat 7:28-29** *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: **For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.***
- **Mat 10:34** *Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.*
- **Mat 15:8** *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*
- **Mat 23:33** *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*
- **Ac 4:13** **Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**
- **Ac 4:31** *And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, **and they spake the word of God with boldness.***
- **2Co 7:4** **Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.**
- **Eph 3:12** *In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*
- **Php 1:20** *According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.*
- **1Ti 3:13** *For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.*
- **Heb 10:19** *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

- **1Jo 4:17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
- **2Co 3:12** Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech.
- **1Ki 18:17** *And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.*
- **Acts 16:19** *...They caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.*
- **Acts 17:5** *- But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.*

You must look to the Old Testament as well as the New Testament, and include it in full!

- **2Ti 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- **1Co 10:11** Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- **Ro 15:4** For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.
- **2Ti 3:15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- **Mr 12:24** And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?
- **Mr 14:49** I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.
- **Lu 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
- **Lu 24:32** And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?
- **Lu 24:45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

And what, pray tell, scriptures would Christ be speaking of if not the Old Testament – that is all he had!

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17.	<p>The following describes my church's reputation in the community.</p> <p>A. It has an impeccable reputation in the community, civic/community leaders attend, it gets positive local press, everyone in the community knows it and respects it.</p> <p>B. It enjoys a good reputation in the community.</p> <p>C. It is a quiet church, not very many people know about it, but no one really has anything bad to say about it.</p> <p>D. It is well-known in the community and openly hated. Government, businesses, civic organizations, the religious community, media and the public generally openly condemn it. Civil and criminal prosecutions are common.</p>	
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- Scriptural Reference:**
- Heb 11:36 **And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.**
 - Luke 6:22 **Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.**
 - Mt 10:22-24 **And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.**
 - Mat 24:9 **Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.**
 - John 15:18-19 **If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**
 - John 17:14 **I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**
 - 1 John 3:13 **Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.**
 - 2 Cor 7:5 - *...Our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.*
 - Jer 14:10 ***Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention!! have neither lent on interest, nor men have lent to me on interest, yet everone one of them doth curse me.***
 - Amos 7:10... *the land is not able to bear all his (Amos') words. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.*
 - 1 Pet 4:14 ***If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.***
 - 1 John 4:1 ... *many false prophets are gone out into the world....Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.*
 - 1 John 2:15 - ***Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love***

of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

- **Acts 22:22** And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow (Paul) from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.
- **Acts 12:12** And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy. And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.
- Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; **Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.**
- **Ac 20:23** Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.
- **1Co 4:** For I think that God hath set forth us, the apostles, last, **as it were appointed to death, for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.**
- **2Co 1:6** And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.
- **2Co 2:4** For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.
- **2 Co 4:8** **We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.**
- **2Co 4:17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;
- **2Co 6:4** But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,
- **2Co 8:2** How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.
- **Col 1:24** Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:
- **1Th 1:6** And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:
- **1Th 3:7** Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:
- **2Ti 1:8** Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;
- **2Ti 3:11** Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.
- **2Ti 4:5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
- **Heb 10:32** But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;
- **Heb 10:33** Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.
- **Heb 11:37** They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
- **Jas 4:9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
- **Jas 5:10** Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
- **1Pe 5:9** Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

FINAL SCORECARD

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Scoring Legend:

Total Score:	Result
Negative to 0	This is a typical church score for this evil and adulterous generation. A negative score indicates that the church does not have the behavior(s) or indicia of the churches in the New Testament. The inconvenient truth is that these churches simply do not act or behave as New Testament churches were instructed to behave. They have changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image like corruptible man. Parishioners coming out of these churches are two-fold more the children of hell than when they first entered. The experience of these churches and the people that attend

	<p>them are fundamentally different from the churches of the New Testament or the people that attended them. Said another way, these churches have very little in common with the churches and parishioners of the New Testament and hell most likely awaits these church goers when they pass from life unto death if they continue in this way.</p>
<p>0 to 160</p>	<p>A positive score indicates that the church may have a few of the behaviors of a New Testament church in the Bible. Even with a positive score in this range there is enough heresy and apostasy to send all of its members straight to hell. Revelation 2 and 3 show the thinking of the LORD God on this matter. Seven churches of God are spoken about and each one is weighed in the balances. The LORD God speaks of several good things that church has done and then he says (Rev. 2:14)“<u><i>But I have a few things against thee because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication, So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent, or else I will come unto thee quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.</i></u> The LORD Jesus Christ in Matthew 7:21-23 speaks to this issue as well. <u><i>Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father, who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.</i></u></p>
<p>170</p>	<p>The church has behaviors demonstrated in the New Testament congregations in the Bible. The church lines up and has comparable experience with New Testament churches. The signs are</p>

	good that these parishioners are properly engaged in the wars of the Lord, and they fear God and keep his commandments.
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