

# How To Be In One Accord With A Local Church




- **What's In A Name?**
- **How Are They Organized?**
- **What Work Are They Doing?**
- **What Is The Worship Of The Church?**
- **What Are My Responsibilities To The Church?**

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## ■ What's In A Name?

- The Church -- Acts 8:3
- The Church of God -- 1 Cor 1:2; Gal 1:13
- The Church of Christ -- Rom 16:16
- The Church in Jerusalem -- Acts 11:22;  
in Cenchrea -- Rom 16:1
- The Church of Thessalonians In God -- 1 Thess 1:1

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- **How Are They Organized?**
  - **God gave no unit larger than the local church to do His will**
  - **The local church consists of Elders, Deacons, And Saints -- Phil 1:1**
    - **Elders, Pastors, and Bishops or Overseers are the same thing: Acts 20:17-28**
      - » **Qualifications -- 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-7; 1Peter 5:1-4**
      - » **Responsibilities -- 1 Peter 5:1-3; Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5**

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## ■ How Are They Organized? (cont.)

### – Deacons

- » The word deacon means servant.
- » All Christians should be servants but God established a special deacon to serve under elders
- » Qualifications -- 1 Timothy 3:8-13

### – Saints

- » The word means those who have been sanctified or set apart from God.
- » The Word sanctifies us -- John 17:17
- » All Christians are saints -- 1 Peter 2:9-10

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## ■ What Work Are They Doing?

- God designed the local church, so He must have had a purpose for the church. What is it?
- Preach to the lost -- 1 Thessalonians 1:8
  - » Preachers need to be sent -- Romans 10:14-15
  - » Preachers were paid -- 1 Cor 9:14
  - » Preachers were taught -- 2 Tim 2:2
- Teach the saints -- Ephesians 4:11-16
  - » Both publicly and privately -- Acts 5:42
  - » Elders were paid -- 1 Tim 5:17-18



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## ■ What Is The Worship Of The Church?

- **Prayer -- 1 Timothy 2:1-8**
- **Preaching/Teaching -- Acts 5:42; 1 Cor 14:26**
  - » **Women -- Titus 2:3-4; But not with authority over a man -- 1 Tim 2:12**
- **Financial Support -- 2 Cor 9:6-8**
  - » **For workers; preachers , elders, etc. -- 1 Cor 9:14; 1 Tim 5:18**
  - » **For needy -- Acts 2:44-45**
  - » **No pledge cards --Acts 5:1-4**
- **Lord's Supper -- 1 Cor 11:17-34**
  - » **Not a common meal -- vs. 22,34**
  - » **1st day of the week -- Acts 20:7**
  - » **Unleavened bread and fruit of the vine -- Mt 26:17,26-29**

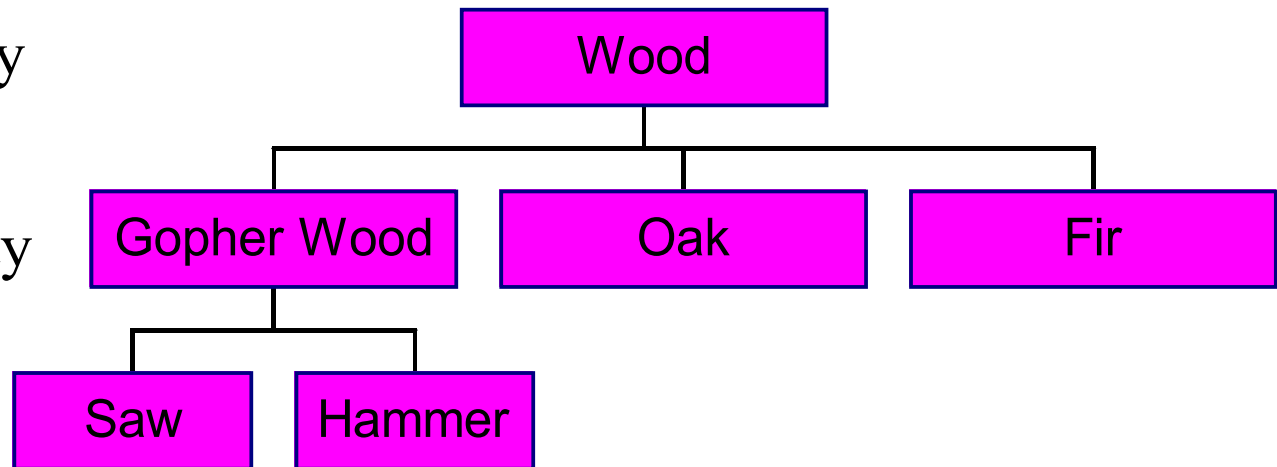
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- **What Is The Worship Of The Church?(cont.)**
  - **Singing -- Eph 5:19; Col 3:16**
    - » **General and specific authority**

General Authority

Specific Authority  
(Genesis 6:4)

Expedients



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- **What Is The Worship Of The Church?(cont.)**
  - **Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual songs**
    - » Psalms-Songs in the Bible. 150 of them
    - » Hymns- Any scripture set to music
    - » Spiritual songs- Spiritual principles set to music
  - **Speaking, Teaching, Admonishing**
    - » Speaking to one another
    - » Teaching and Admonishing one another - The words we speak are the focus of our singing and we are warned to live according to what we are saying.
  - **Singing and making melody in your hearts**
    - Singing with grace in your hearts**
      - » God specifically asks for vocal music with our heart as the instrument

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- **What Is The Worship Of The Church?(cont.)**
  - **Virtually all of the means and methods of worship under the law of Moses have been superseded by the law of Christ**
  - **The Temple -- 1 Cor 3:16-17**
  - **Animal Sacrifice -- Heb 10:4-12**
  - **Burning Incense -- Rev 5:8**
  - **Levitical Priesthood -- 1 Peter 2:9-10**
  - **Circumcision -- Col 2:11-13**
  - **Sabbath -- Hebrews 4:1-11**
  - **Instrumental music -- Eph 5:19**

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## ■ What Are My Responsibilities To The Church?

- Today many look at going to church as visiting a social club. They will do it as long as it fits their needs and schedule. It is often seen as a good thing but not really necessary.
- Assemble with the saints to stir up love and good works -- Heb 10:23-25
- Spiritual growth -- 1 Peter 2:1-2; Heb 5:12-14
- Commitment to the work -- Acts 2:42-44; Eph 4:16
- Discipline -- Gal 6:1; 2 Thess 3:6-15
- Financial support of workers and needy members -- 1 Cor 9:7-14; 1 Cor 16:1-3