

Membership and Salvation in the Lord's Church



Many deny
that church
membership
is essential
for salvation
Is that true?

The Universal Church

- **Conditions of membership outlined by the word of God**

*"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." Matt 16:18*

- **Church is made up of those who have been:**

- Sanctified
- Redeemed
- Saved



1 Timothy 3:15

The Universal Church

- **The one church of Christ is also the one body**

- Individuals that are in this one body **CHRIST** are considered to be saints, ones sanctified unto God (Eph 1:1)

*"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things **to the church, which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*



**CHURCH
BODY**

Eph 2:16

Eph 1:22-23

Becoming A Member of the Lord's Church

- One becomes a member of the church of Christ when one obeys the plan of God



Church Membership and the Saved

- “Why discuss conditions for salvation when talking about church membership?”

- The conditions are the same!

- The church IS the body of Christ **“Savior of the body”**

- We are baptized into Christ

- Galatians 3:26-27



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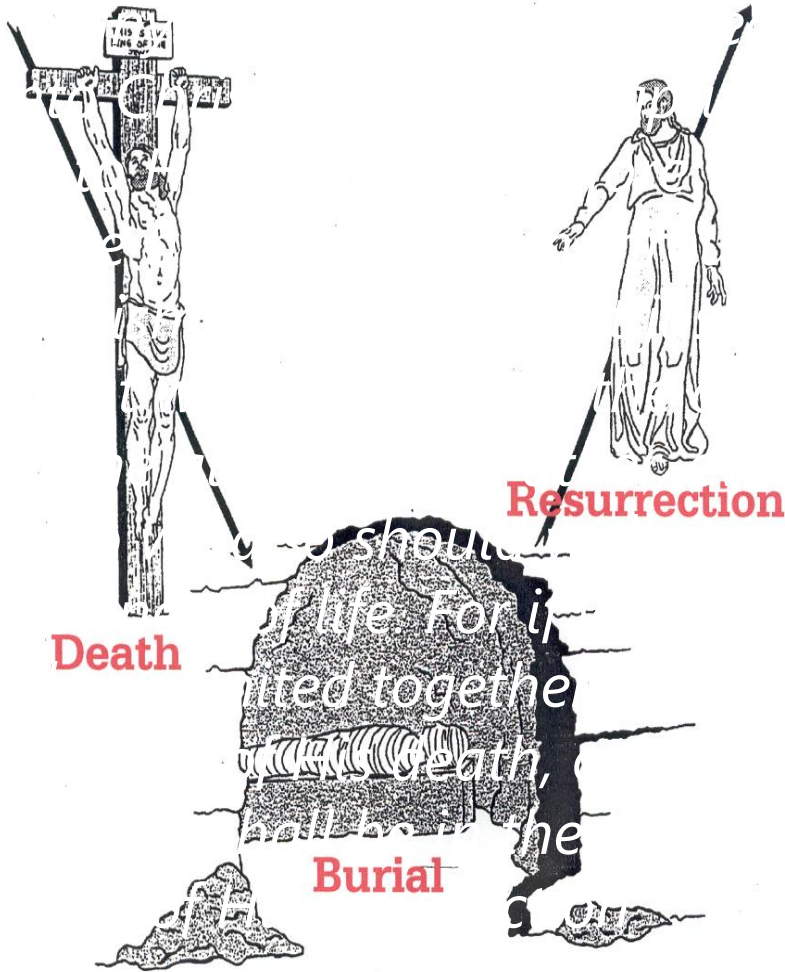
Eph 1:22-23; 5:23

Col 1:18, 24



The Gospel Enacted

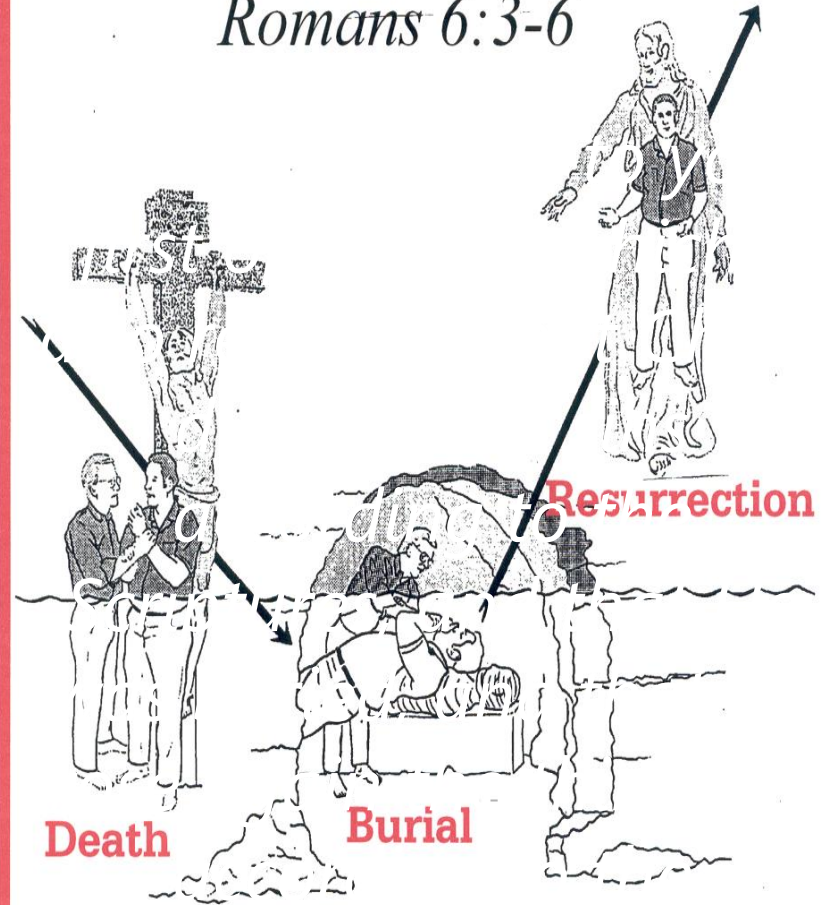
1 Corinthians 15:3-4



The Gospel Re-enacted

In Baptism

Romans 6:3-6



Church Membership and the Saved

- We were baptized INTO His ONE body

*"For by one Spirit we were all **baptized into one body**--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." 1 Cor 12:13*

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Church Membership and the Saved

- The example of Acts 2:

*"Then those who gladly received his word **were baptized**; and that day about three thousand souls were **added to them**." Acts 2:41*

*"...And the Lord **added to the church** daily those who were **being saved**." Acts 2:47*

To be saved, is to be in the church

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Membership and Salvation in the Lord's Church

- The church of God is the body of Christ, the family or house of God, the kingdom, the people belonging to the Lord
- NO accountable person in this age is promised salvation outside the church

Everyone who is **"SAVED"** is **"ADDED"** to the church by the same one who saves him – and that is **GOD!**