

## WHAT IS YOUR BIBLICAL DUTY TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH?

I. FIRST, OUR DUTY IS TO UNDERSTAND WHO STARTED THE CHURCH.

II. OUR DUTY IS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CHURCH IS.

It is God's local churches (assemblies) of people to attend to His affairs in that community and the world.

III. OUR DUTY IS TO FAITHFULLY ATTEND CHURCH TO WORSHIP GOD.

IV. OUR DUTY IS TO FAITHFULLY SUPPORT OUR CHURCH WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

There is something special about supporting the Lord's church. It is so special that God promises us a special blessing.

Mal. 3:10-11, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, 'And try Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,' says the Lord of hosts"; (NKJV)

V. YOUR DUTY IS TO SUPPORT TRUE BIBLICAL TEACHING IN THE CHURCH.

VI. YOU SHOULD BE BAPTIZED AND OBSERVE THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM AND COMMUNION LIKE THE BIBLE SAYS.

VII. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN GETTING PEOPLE SAVED, BAPTIZED, AND TEACHING THEM HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN.

Matt. 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" (NKJV)

A. Every Christian is commanded "To go... and make disciples" – Get people saved.

1. This is a primary mission of every believer and the local church.

2. It is the duty of every member to support the church in getting people saved.

B. After we get them saved, we are to baptize (immerse) them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

1. Baptism is to be the immediate public sign that a person is turning away from an unbelieving, selfish and sinful lifestyle to follow the lifestyle of Jesus.

2. Baptism is making a statement of faith.

- a. You believe in God as the true Father of Jesus Christ.
- b. You believe Christ is the true Son of God, the Savior of the world.
- c. You believe the Holy Spirit has become your Comforter and Helper as Jesus promised.

3. Baptism is making a commitment to follow God.

C. After we get them saved and baptized, we are to teach them to obey all things that the Lord has commanded in the Bible.

1. What is to be taught? The Bible, where we find the teaching of the Lord.

John 15:18-19, “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” (NKJV)

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D. He promised to be with us always.

**DO YOU WANT A CLOSER WALK WITH THE LORD? IF SO, MAKE SURE YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A LOCAL CHURCH TRYING TO CARRY OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION.**