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## **IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST NECESSARY?**

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Many religious thinkers have come to the conclusion that the Lord's church is not essential, not necessary for salvation. Is there merit to that way of thinking? What does the Bible say?

The Bible says that the Lord's church is:

- The fulfillment of prophecy (Isaiah 2:2,3)
- The object of Christ's promise (Matthew 16:18)
- The home of all the saved (Acts 2:47)
- Purchased by the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28)
- The family of God (Ephesians 6:18, 19)
- The caretaker of God's wisdom (Ephesians 3:10)
- The pillar and ground of the truth and the house of God ((1 Timothy 3:15)
- The ones that Christ will save (Ephesians 5:23)
- The Bride of Christ (Romans 7:4)
- That for which Christ willingly gave Himself (Ephesians 5:25)

It seems conclusive that, regardless of what some might sincerely believe, the inspired writers of the Bible believed in the necessary, essential nature of the church. Thank you, God, for giving us a temporary home while we sojourn here for a little while.

God bless, Pat