

8. **The Body Of Christ vs The Church** We now ask if the “saved” are initially and even perpetually outside the “body of Christ?” (a) Most religions in “Christendom” seem to assume that the “saved” constitute the “body of Christ.” (b) If the “saved” person is saved without scriptural baptism then the “body of Christ” is something completely different from the NT Church. Why? It takes baptism for one to get into the church. (c) How can one “get saved” and be in the “body of Christ” before being baptized unless the “body of Christ” and the NT Church are two different things? _____ If they are “one and the same” then those saved without baptism are saved outside the “body of Christ” and the NT Church. Folks, you can’t have it half a dozen ways!
9. **Join The Church Of Whose Choice?** Jesus said he would built (Mt 16:18) ____ church. What choice does man have in the matter? _____ One is either a member of that one church or he isn’t. (Acts 5:29) “*We ought to _____ God rather than _____.*” That includes us – personally. We can’t disregard Jesus and do our own picking and choosing with impunity.
10. **Eliminate Having The Worry** You are responsible for your choices and actions (Rom 14:12) and will answer this question at the Judgment: (Gal 5:7) “*Who did _____ you that ye should _____ the _____?*” If you obey the gospel you won’t have to worry about picking and choosing a church. Why? In the early church (Acts 2:47) “*the _____ added to the _____ daily such as should be _____.*” Note the tenses: Lord *added*; *should be* saved. We repeat: You don’t have any choice in the matter if you obey God. Our Lord will get it right.
11. **Is Scriptural Baptism A Do All – End All?** Yes, in the sense that it is essential and has benefits that serve for one’s lifetime. No, in the sense that it (Jn 3:1-5; Rom 6:3-4) is the catalyst that causes the “new birth” to occur and all of one’s desires, duties, hopes and joys are subsequent. Since one is baptized (1 Cor 12:13) into the “*one _____*” (ie: the NT Church) and is a member “*in _____*” he/she must learn to value the fact (Eph 5:25-27) that Jesus “*_____ the church, and gave _____ for it.*”
12. **Do I Love The Church?** The words of a grand old hymn express it well: “*I love Thy church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand, Dear, as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.*” If I love the NT Church I must love Jesus. Why? She is his _____ (See Q#3). I must also (1 Pet 2:17) “*Love the _____.*” How can one have adequate feelings of love for the church if it is just an option – to be picked or chosen at random – and incidental to salvation? Why bother to join if one is already as saved as he/she will ever be before baptism?
13. **Glory In The Church** That glory is (Eph 3:21) “*in the _____ by Christ Jesus throughout all _____, world without end. Amen.*” One is not scripturally converted to all the right things if he fails to immerse himself in the (1 Cor 1:9) “*the _____ of his _____ Jesus Christ*” and (Eph 4:12) “*the _____ of the _____ of _____.*” How can God ever have “*glory in the church*” if it is viewed as a pick-and-choose option in the first place? _____
14. **Family** All should agree that the family that prays together, sits down at the table and eats together, and enjoys doing things together is not a dysfunctional family. The NT Church is (1 Tim 3:15) the “*_____ of God,*” referred to as (Gal 6:10) “*household of _____.*” Paul said (Eph 3:14-15), “*I bow my _____ unto the Father of our _____ Jesus Christ, of whom _____ whole _____ in heaven and earth _____.*” Nothing is more precious than Christ’s church.
15. **Functional Members** If it is important to scripturally argue the necessity of being in Christ’s church those “called out” by the gospel and “added” by the Lord need to be joyous to be IN rather than OUT of it. (Ps 145:18) “*The _____ is nigh unto-----all that _____ upon him in _____.*” The dysfunctional shirk and procrastinate. Heaven awaits all functional family members.