

THE CHURCH GOD USES, #1
God Uses a Christ-Centered Church
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INTRODUCTION:

There are several types of churches. Negatively, there are...

1. **Property** Driven Churches
 - a. Facilities
 - b. Finance
2. **Program** Driven Churches
3. **People** Driven Churches
4. **Past** Driven Churches
5. **Problem** Driven Churches
6. **Personality** Driven Churches

Positively, there are...

7. **Purpose** Driven Churches

The acrostic SWORD can depict the five-fold purpose of the Church.

S- **Service**

W- **Worship**

O- **Outreach**

R- **Relationships**

D- **Discipleship**

PROPOSITION: There are no less than three evidences of a Christ-Centered church.

I. THE CHURCH GOD USES IS CHRIST-CENTERED IN ITS MESSAGE OF SALVATION. Acts 4:12.

A. Salvation Is Based On the **Foundation** of Scripture.

B. Salvation Is Based On the Fate of the Sinner

C. Salvation Is Based On Faith in the Savior.

II. THE CHURCH GOD USES IS CHRIST-CENTERED IN ITS METHODS OF SERVICE. Matt. 25:40.

A. Its Serving Methods Are Scriptural.

B. Its Serving Methods Are Sensitive.

i. They Are Sensitive to the Lord.

ii. They Are Sensitive to the Lost.

C. Its Serving Methods Are Strategic.

III. THE CHURCH GOD USES IS CHRIST-CENTERED IN ITS MANDATE OF SANCTIFICATION. 2 Cor. 6:17.

A. Its Holiness is Pure.

B. Its Holiness is Progressive.

C. Its Holiness is Powerful.

APPLICATION: Are You Saved?

Are You Soul-Winning?

Are You Serving?

Are You Sanctified (Holy)?