

What should I be looking for in a church?

This question is the most important concern someone desiring to find a church should be asking themselves.

We believe the answer to that question may be briefly summarized as, a church:

- That **correctly understands and faithfully practices what God**, through the Bible, **teaches and commands**.
- That **takes seriously its responsibility for teaching its members to become competent, themselves, in understanding and practicing all that God has commanded** in the Bible.
- Which **gathers faithfully to worship God in ways that He finds acceptable**, as defined in the Scriptures.
- Which is **able to equip me in the exercise of all my responsibilities for showing God as holy and living in every sphere of life, as a true believer in all that God has said**. This will affect deeply all my relationships as a Christian; as a spouse, parent, child, church member, citizen, employer/employee, teacher/student. . .
- That embraces, **without reservation**:
 - **The Belief that Scripture is God's Infallible Word**
 - **A Centering on the God of the Bible**
 - **God's Glory as Foremost in all that He Does**
 - **Salvation by Grace through Faith**
 - **Salvation as God's Work, from First to Last**
 - **Regeneration Preceding Faith**
 - **Christ's Atonement — Actual and Particular**
- That is a healthy church, **fully functioning as the biblical family of God**; loving, nurturing/caring for, encouraging, and tenderly and patiently correcting with the truth in love, in the context of the body-life of the church family.