1. The church is **Jesus**-ruled.

   A. Jesus is the **Foundation**, Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:11
   B. Jesus is the **Head**, Eph. 1:22–23; 5:23; Col. 1:18

2. The church is **Bible**-governed. Matt. 5:17–19; 1 Tim. 3:15; 2 Tim. 3:16–17

3. The church is **pastor/staff**-led. 1 Thess. 5:12–13; 1 Tim. 5:17; Heb. 13:7, 17

   A. **Overseer/Bishop**, 1 Tim. 3:1
   B. **Elder**, 1 Tim. 5:17
   C. **Shepherd**, Eph. 4:11

4. The church is **deacon**-served. Acts 6:1–7

   A. Deacons ARE: soul winners, prayer warriors, foot washers, peacemakers, and need meeters.
   B. Deacons ARE: ministers, not managers; servants, not superintendents; bondservants, not board members.

5. The church is **member**-gifted. Rom. 12:3–8

6. The church is **ministry**-focused.

   A. Ministry to the Lord—**worship**, Mark 12:28–31
   B. Ministry to others—**witness**, Matt. 28:18–20

7. The church is **upward**-bound. Acts 1:11

   A. **Before** He comes—**persecution**, John 16:33; 2 Tim. 3:1, 12
   B. **When** He comes—**rapture**, 1 Thess. 4:16–17
   C. **After** He comes—**Heaven**, Rev. 21:1–8
1. The Lord is our Judge.

2. The Lord is our Lawgiver.

3. The Lord is our King.

4. The Lord is our Savior.