

## As for Me, I Will Love My Church

Matthew 16:13–19

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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*



## Who Is Like Our Lord?

Isaiah 33:22

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1. The Lord is our [Judge](#).
2. The Lord is our [Lawgiver](#).
3. The Lord is our [King](#).
4. The Lord is our [Savior](#).

