

Introduction

As we continue to journey through the Book of Acts in this series – in search of “*A Biblical Church*” – we’ve been asking a very specific question:

“Is Rock Pike Baptist Church a Biblical Church?”

Matthew 16:18 ~ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Week 1 Review

In order for Rock Pike to be “*A Biblical Church*” we must adhere to three main keys:

*The HOLY SPIRIT must: DIRECT
 CONTROL
 EMPOWER*

Week 2 Review

In order for Rock Pike to be “*A Biblical Church*” we must:

*The Church must: GATHER REGULARLY
 SEEK GOD’S GUIDANCE
 BE UNITED*

Week 3 Review

In order for Rock Pike to be “*A Biblical Church*” we must:

*The Church must: MOVE TOWARDS TRUTH
 MOVE AWAY FROM SIN
 MOVE TOWARDS PURPOSE*

Week 4 Review

In order for Rock Pike to be “*A Biblical Church*” we must:

*The Church must: BE AVAILABLE
 BE EQUIPPED
 BE FAITHFUL*



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Week 5 Review

In order for Rock Pike to be *“A Biblical Church”* we must:

The Church must: **BE LOYAL**
 BE FEARLESS
 BE BOLD

Before we get into week 6, let’s ask GOD to show us how to become – “A Biblical Church”?

As Peter preached, he had a powerful message proclaiming the Resurrection of the Messiah.

He spoke of how David had written that it was the Coming Messiah that would be resurrected – not David himself.

Though the Messiah would face death – looking directly at hell – the grave would be temporary.

Temporary for JESUS, temporary for David & temporary for all of mankind.

Acts 2:37-42

This is the attitude the church needs today – people who:

1. REPENT OF SIN

✠ Acts 2:38 ~ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

This is one of the most devastating mistakes Christian make – continuing in sin – thinking they are save.

Sure – we cannot do anything to receive salvation – JESUS took care of that on the cross.

But when we go to the cross, ask for forgiveness & receive salvation in Christ – we are required to leave the cross differently.

JESUS told the woman caught in adultery:

✠ John 8:11 ~ She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**



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JESUS told the impotent man healed at the pool of Bethesda:

- ✝ John 5:14 ~ Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, **Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.**

Those who identify as “A Biblical Church” need to repent of sin – then “Go & sin no more”.

2. BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS

- ✝ Acts 2:38 ~ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Paul doesn't say – if you want to – he says EVERY ONE OF YOU.

Once we've been to Calvary & washed in the blood of the LAMB, we are cleansed in the spirit.

Then we need to identify with Christ & HIS death, burial & resurrection – with the symbolic ceremony of baptism – publically showing on the outside - what JESUS did on the inside.

Although baptizing doesn't save anyone – it is merely an outward symbol.

Like a married man or woman wearing a wedding ring.

The ring doesn't make them married – it only says to those they see – that they are married.

3. BE DIFFERENT THAN THE WORLD

- ✝ Acts 2:40 ~ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

The Bible warns us of the influence of the world & implores us to be different.

- ✝ 2 Corinthians 6:17 ~ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,



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Although we have to live in this world – we don't have to be like this world & we certainly should LOVE it.

✝ 1 John 2:15 ~ Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

We even have to be very careful not to make FRIENDS with the world.

✝ James 4:4 ~ Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

None of this is popular in today's world – but we are told to “save ourselves from this untoward (or crooked) generation”.

CONCLUSION:

To be “A Biblical Church” – RPBC must:

BE BLAMELESS – *(Don't intentionally sin)*

BE CLEANSED – *(Keep your heart & mind pure)*

BE SEPARATE – *(Stay away from a crooked world)*

Ask GOD to pour out on you, the Spirit, blessings & confidence to be “A Biblical Church”.



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