

# Morning Lesson

## MARKS TO IDENTIFY THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

**Matt. 16:13-18**

### INTRO:

1. There is only one body. **Eph. 4:4; 1:22, 23**
2. Today we will note aspects of the church in the New Testament which are important, but often overlooked.

### I. FAITH – THE CONVICTION THAT CHRIST WAS WITH THEM.

- A. Christ assured them of this. **Matt. 28:20; 18:20**
- B. They believed that they were kept by the power of God.  
**1 Pet. 1:3-5**

### II. JOY AND ENTHUSIASM. **Acts 2:46**

- A. They were not complainers, but boosters. **Phil 2:14, 15**
- B. They were thrilled with an inward glow. **Rom. 14:17**
- C. They were fervent in spirit. **Rom. 12:11**

### III. A SPIRIT OF “DO OR DIE;” WILLINGNESS TO TRY NEW THINGS. **Tit. 3:1, 8, 14; 1 John 4:18**

### IV. A GENEROUS AND SACRIFICIAL SPIRIT.

- A. They were partners with God to win the world to goodness. **1 Cor. 3:9; Acts 2:42-47**
- B. Early saints were so overwhelmed with God’s favor that they sold everything voluntarily and shared it with others.

### V. A SPIRIT OF UNITY, COMRADESHIP, AND BROTHERLY LOVE. **John 13:35; Rom. 12:15**

### VI. THE SPIRIT OF EVANGELISM.

- A. All were involved. **Gal. 3:26-28; Acts 8:4**
- B. All were soul-conscious.

### CONC:

1. It is up to me and no one else to make this congregation a scriptural part of the church of the New Testament.