

# Jesus Christ Wants YOU!



**GOD WANTS**



**YOU**

# God's Organization and member description

- **Organization:** Kingdom of heaven, Kingdom of God, House of God, body and bride of Christ, assembly, congregation (church)
- **Christian** – Divinely appointed name Act 11:26
- **Citizen** of God's heavenly kingdom (Eph 2:19)
- **Inhabitant** of God's house (1Ti 3:15)
- **Member** of the body of Christ, his bride (pure and holy - Eph 5:25-27)
- **Member** of the family of God (Eph 2:19, 1Pe 4:17)

# Structure of organization

- Christ is head of Organization Eph 1:22, per God's eternal plan Eph 2:10, 3:11
- Branches pruned to bear fruit John 15:1,2
- Reaping Luk 10:2 white unto harvest
- Soldiers of Christ 2Tim 2:4 no worldly entanglements
- Automatic deposit – Mat 6:20 in heaven
- Merit based salary – contract to work Mat 20:13, plus incentive 1Co 3:15 if works survive
- Work week – opportunity based Gal 6:10

# 1. Enlistment as new recruit

- Hear God's invitation and gospel
  - Faith comes by hearing Rom 10:17
- Examine and believe the evidence
  - Whoever believes on Him Rom 10:13
- Confess Christ (confessing allegiance)
  - John 12:42 “but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him”
- Repent of all sins Act 2:38
- Be immersed into Christ
  - Rom 6:4 “buried with him through baptism”

## 2. Boot camp for workers

- Heb 5,6 Learn the elementary principles
- 2Tim 3:16,17 scripture: train in righteousness
- 1Cor 9:25 strict training
- 1Tim 2:4 soldier in training
- 1Tim 4:6-8 train in godliness, by spiritual words of faith, not physical training
- Heb 12:11 no pleasure at first, but later
- Phs 4:11-13 denying flesh to serve Christ
- Jesus Mt 26:40, Lk 22:45,46, Paul 1Co 9:27 discipline

### 3. Enter Work of service Eph 4:12

- The trained recruits are able to then train the weak in faith, the new converts, Rom 15:1,2
- Give spiritual help for troubles, Gal 6:1,2
- Understands proper admonishment Rom 15:14
- Offer prayers for weak in faith Jam 5:14-16
- Heavenly view of faithful life Mt 25:23 well done! Faithful are given more responsibility Lk 19:17 (10 cities)

# Work description, Eph 4:12,13

- Perfecting the saints – unto the measure of Christ, Rom 12:1,2 renew mind, Phs 3:13-15 pressing our minds towards Christ's goal (pursuit)  
Spiritually disciplined for the work of ministry
- Work of the ministry – Mat 5:16 show your light!  
Bring deeds to light! John 3:21 “But the one who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds will be revealed as having been performed in God.”
- Harvest of souls, Joh 4:34-38 one sows, another reaps, we all work in the field. 1Co 3:6-8 planting and watering all for one goal of saving souls.



# 4. Earthly leadership in the church under Christ

- Men, along with evangelist must recognize and appoint qualified men as deacons (Act 6:3) and elders 1Pe 5.
  - Avoid coercing men to lead – they must give account Heb 13:17, 1Pe 5:1,2 willingly
  - Elders willingly agree on an attainable project/goal, Agree on a path/solution, plan/schedule/divide the work, work the plan, lead by example 1Pe 5:3, continually check on it for accountability.
  - Internal vs external projects/goals

# Men are leaders under Christ

- All men are to be leaders (under Christ, the head of every man 1Co 11:3), like all are to be teachers, but some have more experience than others at leadership and can lead by a good example (Phs 3:17 Paul's good example of leading, but not as an elder).
- When there are no elders, leadership falls to same men of the congregation who are to appoint elders. Among them, some are more diligent leaders: Rom 12:6 “We have different gifts according to the grace given us.” Vs 8 ...if it is leading, let him lead with diligence;

# Leaders under Christ

- These capable men who understand the elder's qualification continue looking for a plurality of elders. They must continue their search and lead the congregation until then.
- All the men agree (1Cor 1:10 ...you all agree and that there be no divisions among you...)
- Agree on attainable goals, on a solution, plan the work, schedule the work, work the plan, lead by example, keep checking.

# Leaders motivate!

- Motivation = stir/provoke! Heb 10:24, Act 15:39 Paul and Barnabas were stirred!
- Eph 4:13 Leaders equip...unto what stature? Goliath? Of David? No, of Christ! It will take some growth. How is growth in the kingdom compared? Luk 13:19... **small** spiritual seed can grow large, a **little** leaven can be a good thing if it is spiritual - Mat 13:33
- Leaders under Christ may plan the work, but it we all “stir” each other up to love and work!