

THE MARKS OF THE
**TRUE
CHURCH**



THE FRAMEWORK FOR “THE CHURCH I SEE!”

Sunday 13th November 2022

Foundation Scriptures

Matthew 16:13-20

Matthew 18:15-20

Matthew 6:9-13

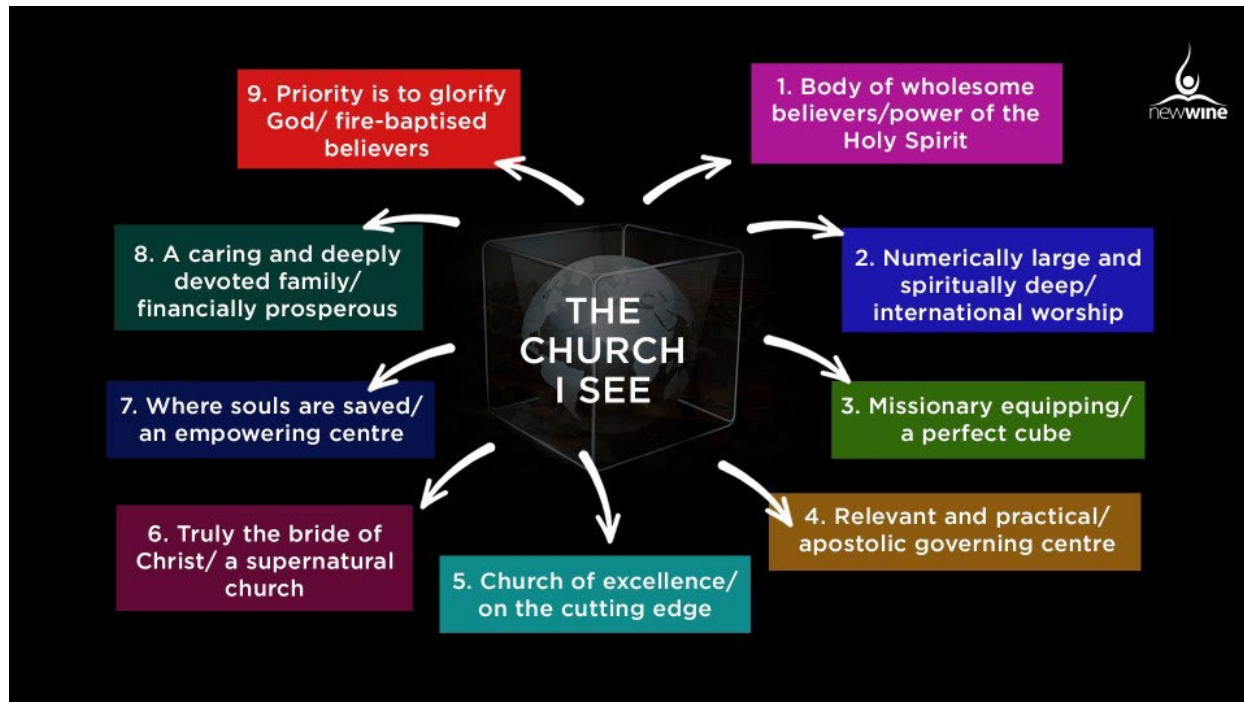
Introduction

The Church I See was first articulated to us members of New Wine Church in **August 1999** and was re-presented in **August 2011**.

We have been chosen by God to live out this vision and pass it on to the next generation!

The Church I See

Below is an infographic of “The Church I See”:



The Church I See is what God ordained for the church from the beginning; it is the heart of God.

The “Church I See” is all about the grace of God in the life of the individual as he or she is:

1. Called out (to be a saint) - **GIFT OF GRACE.**
2. Transformed (continuous sanctification; set apart, made sacred. Grace receives us the way we are but never leaves us the way we are.) - **WORK OF GRACE.**
3. Deployed as a testimony as seen in the vision. You are called to be a blessing to others! - **GOAL OF GRACE.**

*For more context, see **1 Corinthians 1:30.**

Our applied knowledge is also manifested in the preaching of the Word, the administration of sacraments, and the exercising of church discipline, as expanded below.

The Preaching of the Word

It is in the preaching of the Word that there is power.

Our soul continually needs the preaching of the Word in order to have our minds, emotions and will transformed (see **John 6:63**, **John 5:24**, **Psalm 119:50** and **John 6:68**).

The Administration of the Sacraments

We mentioned in the past that the word “sacrament” does not exist in the Bible. The word originated from the concept of an olden-day term, which means ‘pledge’. This was a form of agreement where they lodged money in court to show that they will not break the agreement.

Thus, the administration of the sacraments is a pledge between us and God; it is an outward representation of a prior inward reality that existed between us and God.

The sacraments are also a pledge between us and the saints.

The sacraments bind us together as the body of Christ.

For more context, see **Romans 4:11-12**, **1 Corinthians 10:17**, and **1 Corinthians 12:13**.

The Exercise of Church Discipline

The Church, by exercising church discipline, restricts the soul of the genuine saints. Jesus referred to the narrow gate and the constricted way that leads the soul into eternal life. Church discipline reinforces this (see **Matthew 7:13-14**).

Lastly...

Whenever you receive grace, it is like a seed that is planted within you, which eventually grows and germinates into a beautiful flower, for the glory of God. This glory is the presence of God, revealed through us, and manifested in The Church I See.

In closing, be encouraged to receive the ministry of The Marks of the True Church as it ushers us into the fulfillment of The Church I See!