

Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD





Common Views of Christ's Church

- Simply One of Many [A Denomination]
 - One Is No Better Than Another
 - An Irrelevant Institution



Common Views of Christ's Church

- A Social Gathering Place
 - A Place of Familiar Faces
 - A Means of Networking



Common Views of Christ's Church

- A Relief Organization
 - A Provider of Daily Needs
 - Emergency Assistance After Disasters



Common Views of Christ's Church

- A Source of Entertainment or Comfort
 - Assemblies/Programs That Entertain
 - A Message That Placates the Audience



Common Views of Christ's Church

- A Cause for Much Evil
 - Cover-Ups and Scandals
 - Violence, Oppression, Suppression



The Proper View of Christ's Church

- The Highest Value to God & Christ

- Purchased With Christ's Blood

ACTS 20:28; HEBREWS 10:28, 29

- We Have Been Bought & Redeemed

1ST COR. 6:19, 20; 1ST PET. 1:18, 19;

MATTHEW 16:24



The Proper View of Christ's Church

- A Spiritual Body With A Spiritual Focus

- Spiritual People

1ST COR. 3:1; 1ST PET. 2:5

- A Spiritual Focus

ROMANS 8:5, 6



The Proper View of Christ's Church

- A Place to Edify & Be Edified
 - Christ's Intent for the Church

EPHESIANS 4:11, 12; MATTHEW 25:31-46

- In All We Do

1ST COR. 14:26; 2ND COR. 12:19



The Proper View of Christ's Church

- Saved Souls Who Strive to Save Souls
 - The Church Is Comprised of the Saved

ACTS 2:41, 47

- Going Out to Save Others

ACTS 8:4; 11:19; MARK 16:15, 16;

1ST COR. 9:22



The Proper View of Christ's Church

- A Source of Hope for Those Without Hope

- Outside of Christ: Without Hope

EPHESIANS 2:12; 1ST THESS. 4:13

- Within His Church: Hope!

TITUS 1:1, 2; 3:7

