

Why Follow NT Church Truth?

*While it is not the preaching of the gospel without, it is the practice (walk) "according to the truth of the gospel" within
(the Outworking and Expression of the Gospel of Christ)*

1. Purpose of the House of God

Glory –

Gospel – Grace and Glory – “not by the works of the law” (flesh) but glory in cross
Assembly Expresses Gospel by – no glorying in the flesh (human ability) but in the Lord only

2. Character of the House of God

Holiness

Gospel – “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us” (no leaven)
Assembly Expresses Gospel by – Discipline: putting out evil things and people from fellowship

3. Authority Protocol of the House of God

Headship

Gospel – “the head of Christ is God”, submitted Himself
Assembly Expresses Gospel by – man’s submission to Christ: woman’s submission to man

4. Central Activity of the House of God

Remembrance

Gospel – “Christ died for our sins”
Assembly Expresses Gospel by – “as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death”

5. Government of the House of God

Plurality under “the One Man”

Gospel - “Christ as a son over His own house”, resurrected and exalted as Lord
Assembly Expresses Gospel by – plurality of elders, deacons, saints: under leading of Lord

6. Priesthood of the House of God

All Believers

Gospel - “washed us from our sins in His own blood ... made us kings and priests”
Assembly Expresses Gospel by – brethren (no distinction of titles and clothing) comes into holiest: all involved in worship and edifying in proper headship order “in the church”

7. Ability to Serve in the House of God

Gifts of Spirit

Gospel - “in the name of Jesus Christ ... ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost”
Assembly Expresses Gospel by – open format in meeting where plurality of gifts can edify