

Simplicity In Christ **2Corinthians 11:1-5**

Simplicity Of God's Plan Is Hard For Some To Accept

Many definitions of word "simple"

In text denotes single-mindedness w/sincerity & devotion to God.

Webster list several definitions, one of which is: "not complicated" another is: "not given to duplicity, undesigning, straightforward."

The idea of God's word being uncomplicated is our main thrust for our lesson at this time. Man tries to make something hard and complicated out of God's plan

Not want to over simplify profound truths of God, must realize can be understood - **Ephesians 3:4**

Our minds can be corrupted from this simplicity

God's Will Must Be Simple

It is to be preached to everyone - **Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19**

Those who do not believe are condemned

Unjust to condemn a person for what he can't understand

God is no respecter of persons - **Acts 10:34**

Promise To Build The Church Is Simple - Matthew 16:18

There is one church (body) - **Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 1:18,24**

Entrance Requirements To Body Are Simple

Faith in Christ - **Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16**

Repentance from sins - **Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3**

Confession of our faith - **Romans 10:10**

Baptized into that one body - **1Corinthians 12:13**

A burial - **Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12**

For salvation - **1Peter 3:21**

Form Of Worship Is Simple

Singing praises to God - **Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19**

Prayer to God - **Acts 2:42; 1Thessalonians 5:17**

Teaching God's word - **Acts 11:26; 20:7**

Lord's supper to remember his death - **Acts 20:7; 1Corinthians 11:28-29**

Giving of our means to support the work - **1Corinthians 16:1-2; 2Corinthians 9:7**

Work Of The Church Is Simple - Ephesians 3:8-11

Edifying itself - **Ephesians 4:11-13**

Spreading the truth - **1Timothy 3:15**

Ministering to needs of saints - **Romans 15:25-26; 2Corinthians 9:1-2**

Leadership Of The Church Is Simple - Philippians 1:1

Elders (Presbyter) (older - experienced) - **Titus 1:5**

Bishop (overseer) to see that things that should be done are done right - **Acts 20:28**

Pastors (shepherds) care and control of those who have submitted to the oversight - **Ephesians 4:11**

Deacons special servants to help expedite the work of the church - **1Timothy 3:10,13**

There Is Simplicity In Jesus Christ

If you are able to read and understand anything of any consequences at all, then you can understand and obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Then you can participate in the simple plan of work and worship given to the church the body of Christ and have hope of life in heaven with God after this life is over.

If you can understand and do not obey, you are without hope.

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