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The church was so dear to Christ that He planned for its establishment and building.

- 1. The Holy Spirit was sent to initiate it - John 14:16-17, Acts 2:1-2, Acts 8, Acts 10
- 2. The keys to the kingdom were given to Peter -
 - >In Acts 2 - Peter uses those keys to give the terms of entrance into this kingdom.
 - >Acts 2:47 - added to the church about 3000 souls
 - >Acts 4:4 - another 5000 were obedient
 - >Acts 5:11 - these all together were called the church
- 3. The seed was left so that the church could continue to grow - Luke 8:11, 1 Peter 1:23

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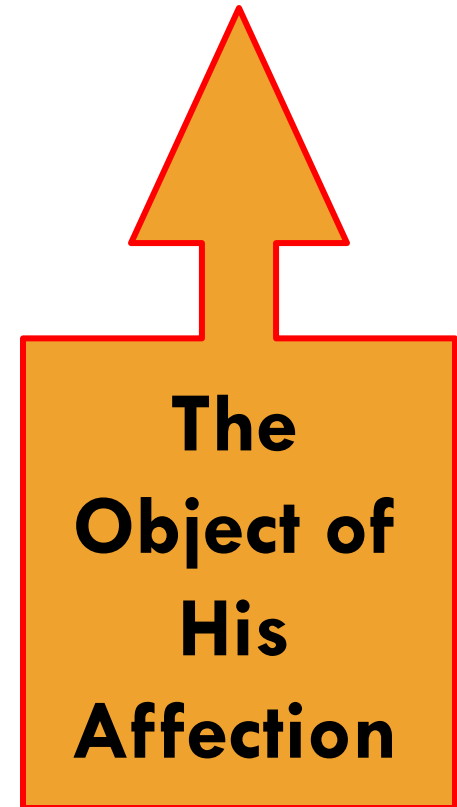
JESUS DIED AND SHED HIS BLOOD FOR THE CHURCH

- Acts 20:28
- Revelation 5:9
- 1 Peter 1:18
- As precious as the blood of Christ is, so also is His church. His affection is seen through His action.

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JESUS CONSIDERS THE CHURCH TO BE HIS BRIDE

- Ephesians 5:25-27, 32
- Revelation 21:1-9, 22:17
- 2 Corinthians 11:12
- Romans 7:1-4



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The church was so dear to God that He gave His Son as a sacrifice.

The church was so dear to Jesus That He gave His life for her.

What must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:30

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- **Believe in Jesus –**
John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for life –**
Revelation 2:10; James 2:10