

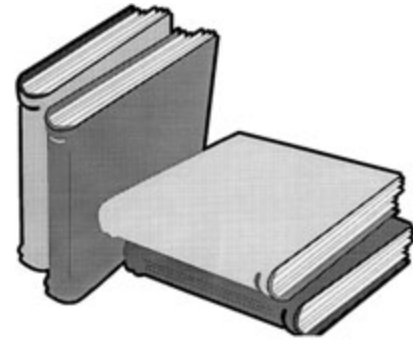
The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

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Which church?

The following are qualities you should look for in ... a church .."

First, a biblical church is one where the Bible is the only guide for faith and practice. A strong emphasis on preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God demonstrates this. The absence of this emphasis produces an anemic and weak church. ...

Many churches today are returning to the historic creeds and confessions of faith of biblical Christianity. They have seen the value of embracing doctrinal standards that confess to the world a summary of the essential beliefs of Holy Scripture. ...

Second, you should look for **a church where the worship of God is reverent and biblical**. There are many churches that seek to entertain people and are more man-centered than God-centered. They feature popular personalities and introduce fashionable elements into worship which the Bible does not allow. You do not go to church primarily to feel better or be entertained, but to worship the true and living God through the Lord Jesus Christ. ...

Third, coupled with right worship is **the biblical concept of God**. The God of the Bible is Spirit, eternal, unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and love, and is absolutely sovereign and gracious. He must ever be proclaimed and exalted. Any church that is man-centered and holds weak and feeble views of the triune God will not be of much help to you

Earl Blackburn, *God Loves the Church and So Should You:
Studies in Biblical Churchmanship.*
Solid Ground Christian Books 2010, p.79-81

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