

# Church Membership

**A short and simple  
review and reminder  
of its importance  
and our duties.**

**Much more has been  
taught on most every  
point to be made.**

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What duties come with it?

***We believe all that the Bible says about it.***

***Experiences past or present are worthless.***

***Feelings past or present are also worthless.***

***Like other topics, God's will is all that counts.***

**Growing Number of Americans Love  
Jesus but Don't Go to Church**

***Christian Post* article dated April 2, 2017**

# What Is a Church?

- Baptized believers committed to ... Jesus Christ.
- Baptized believers committed to ... each other.
- They fulfill His choice of congregational worship.
- They become members by mutual covenant.
- Their manual of conduct is the New Testament.

**An important study occurred  
12/21/2011.**

## **What Is a Church?**

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/what-is-a-church-ppt.pdf>

**An important study occurred  
10/1/2014.**

**What Is a Great Church?**

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/what-is-a-great-church.pdf>

**An important study occurred  
8/2/2015.**

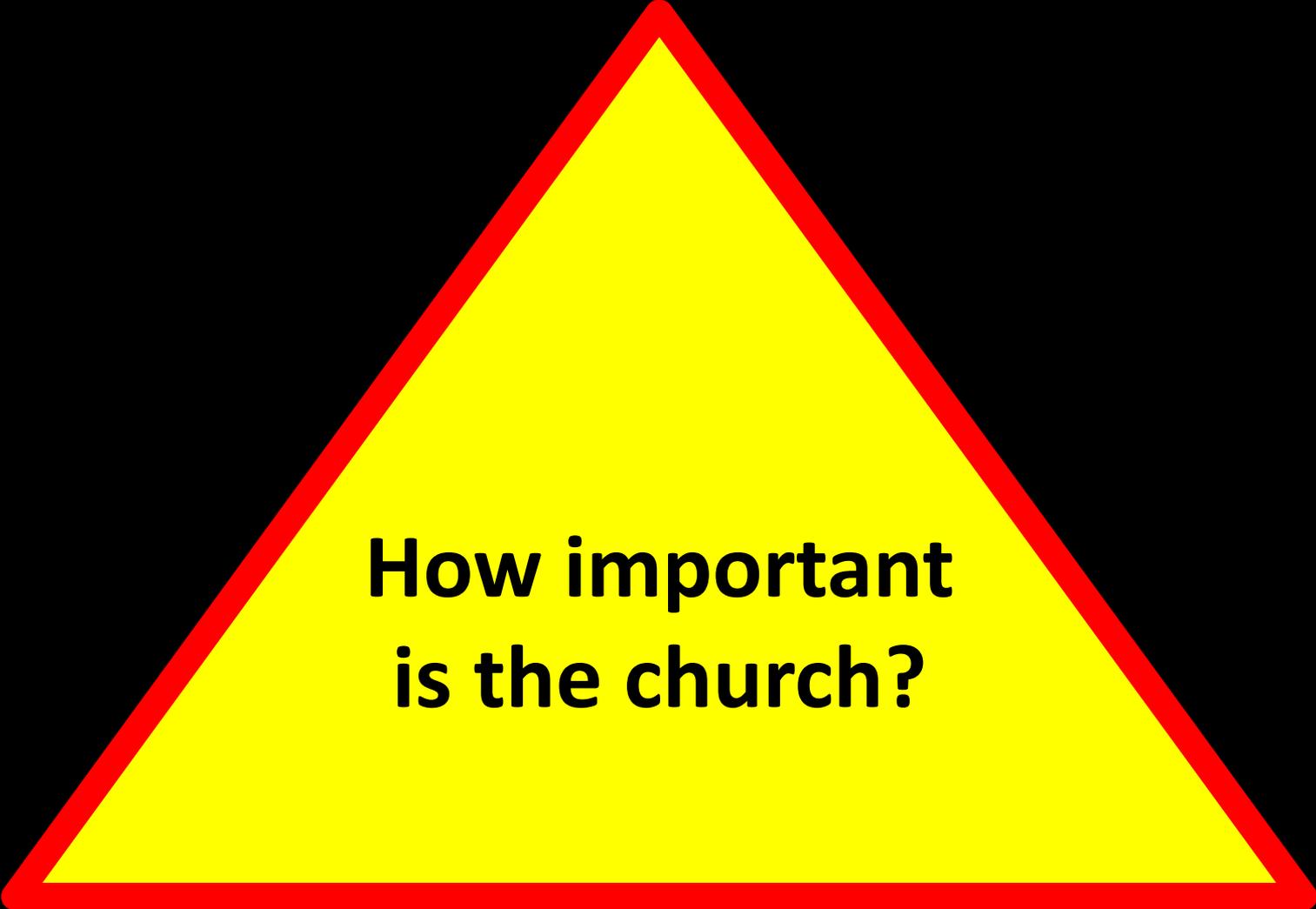
## **Higher Ground**

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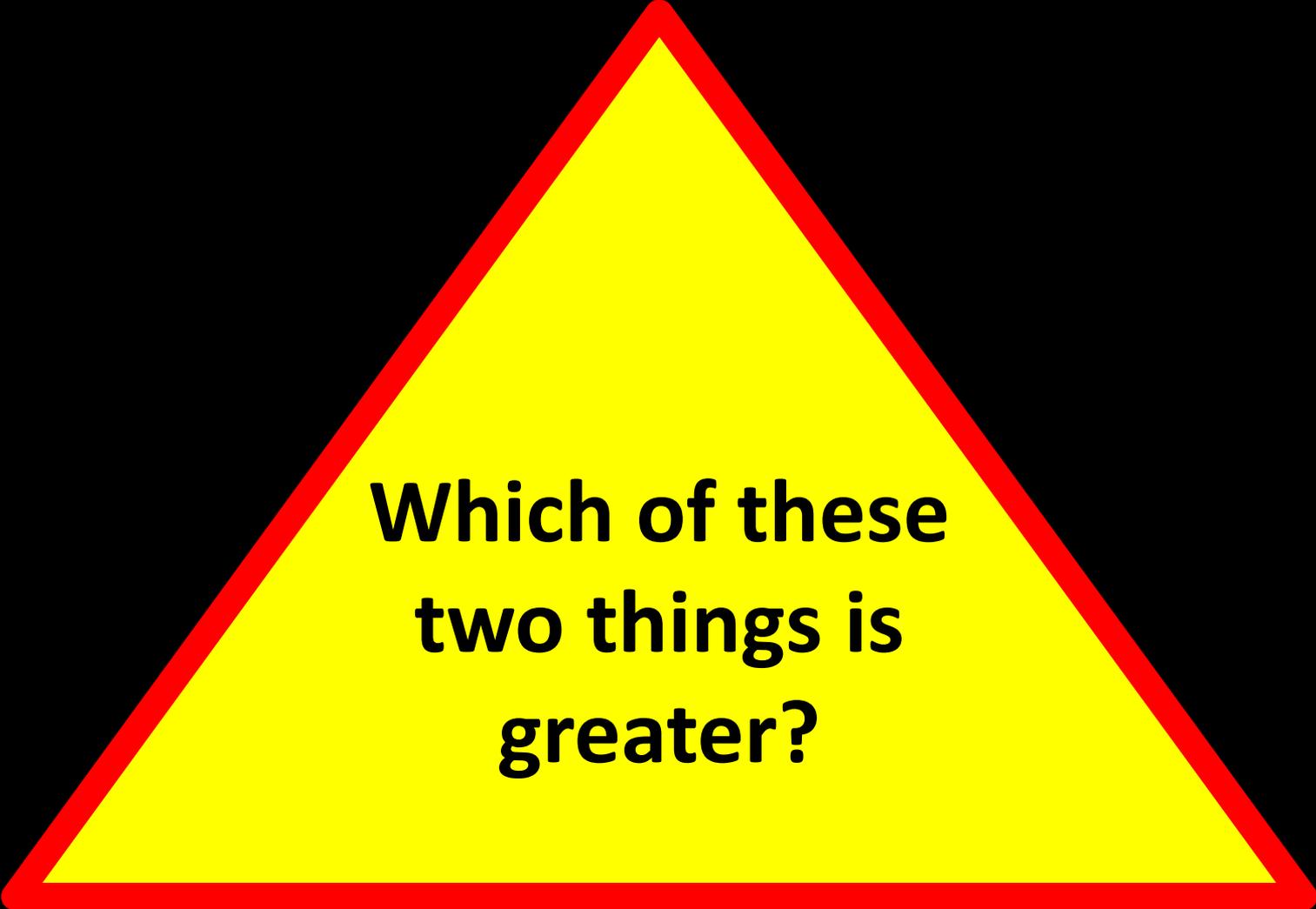
# What Is a Church?

- It is NOT a religious building for Sunday activities.
- It is NOT a thing to do Sundays ... “go to church.”
- It is NOT merely a place to hear a man preach.
- It is NOT a religious club for family and friends.
- It is NOT a place for private worship like the RCC.

**It is a group of baptized  
believers committed to  
each other to worship  
and serve Jesus Christ  
by the N.T. to prepare  
to meet Him soon.**



**How important  
is the church?**



**Which of these  
two things is  
greater?**

# Solomon's Temple?



# Or a Church like This?



**New Providence Predestinarian Baptist Church, DeWitt County, Illinois about 1908**



**What does the  
Bible say about  
a local church?**

# What Is a Church? (1)

God's Temple

Spirit's House

Christ's Body

Potentate's Property

Scripture Repository

Treasure Chest

# What Is a Church? (2)

Christ's Prophecy

Angelic Wonder

Heavenly Connection

Royal Commission

Truth Defender

Salvation Source

# What Is a Church? (3)

Worship Center

Reality Check

God's Seminary

Small Claims Court

Welfare Agency

Prayer Band

# What Is a Church? (4)

Competent Counselors

Synergistic Support

Replacement Family

Best Friends

Heaven's Executioner

Living Organism

# What Is a Church? (5)

Freedom Park

Support Group

Lord's Supper

Praise Band

United Nations

Secret Society

# What Is a Church? (6)

Mega Church

Christ's Bride

Hidden Wisdom

**Bible proofs for each point:  
6/4/2006**

## **What Is a Church?**

<http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/what-is-a-church-msword.pdf>

# Furniture & Fixtures (1)

Candlestick

Altar

Pulpit

Temple

Table

Cup

Aroma

Incense

Stones

Foundation

Gold, etc.

Treasure Chest

Fruit Trees

Pillars

Throne

Ensign

Trumpet

Plants

Garment

# Furniture & Fixtures (2)

Cornerstone (s)

Branch

Sword

Closet

Angels

Salt

Light

Veil

Armor

Cross

Books

**Bible proofs for each point:  
5/31/2015**

## **Furniture & Fixtures**

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/furniture-fixtures-church.pdf>



**The Bible says  
a lot about the  
local church!**

***We believe all that the Bible says about it.***

***God chose to be worshipped in churches.***

***Loners outside a church do not please God.***

***Our church should be very important to us.***

***We should want to protect it from danger.***

***We should want to promote it to be better.***

***We should want to passionately participate.***

***We should want to preserve it for the future.***

***The Lord's Supper is only for those in it.***

***The Spirit of God has a ministry only in it.***

***Our highest earthly calling is to serve it.***

***Its peace and prosperity should be our goal.***

**Who came up with the  
idea of building God a  
temple in the O.T.?**

**Who paid for it?**

**Was he the man after  
God's own heart?**

**Did God and man ever  
talk like Jehovah and  
David in II Samuel 7?**

**LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.**

**Psalm 26:8**

**One thing have I desired of the LORD,  
that will I seek after; that I may dwell in  
the house of the LORD all the days of my  
life, to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to enquire in his temple.**

**Psalm 27:4**

**When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.**

**Psalm 42:4**

**1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;**

**2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.**

**Psalm 63:1-2**

**Blessed is the man whom thou choosest,  
and causest to approach unto thee, that  
he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be  
satisfied with the goodness of thy house,  
even of thy holy temple.**

**Psalm 65:4**

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Psalm 84:1-2

**For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

**Psalm 84:10**

**I was glad when they said unto me, Let  
us go into the house of the LORD.**

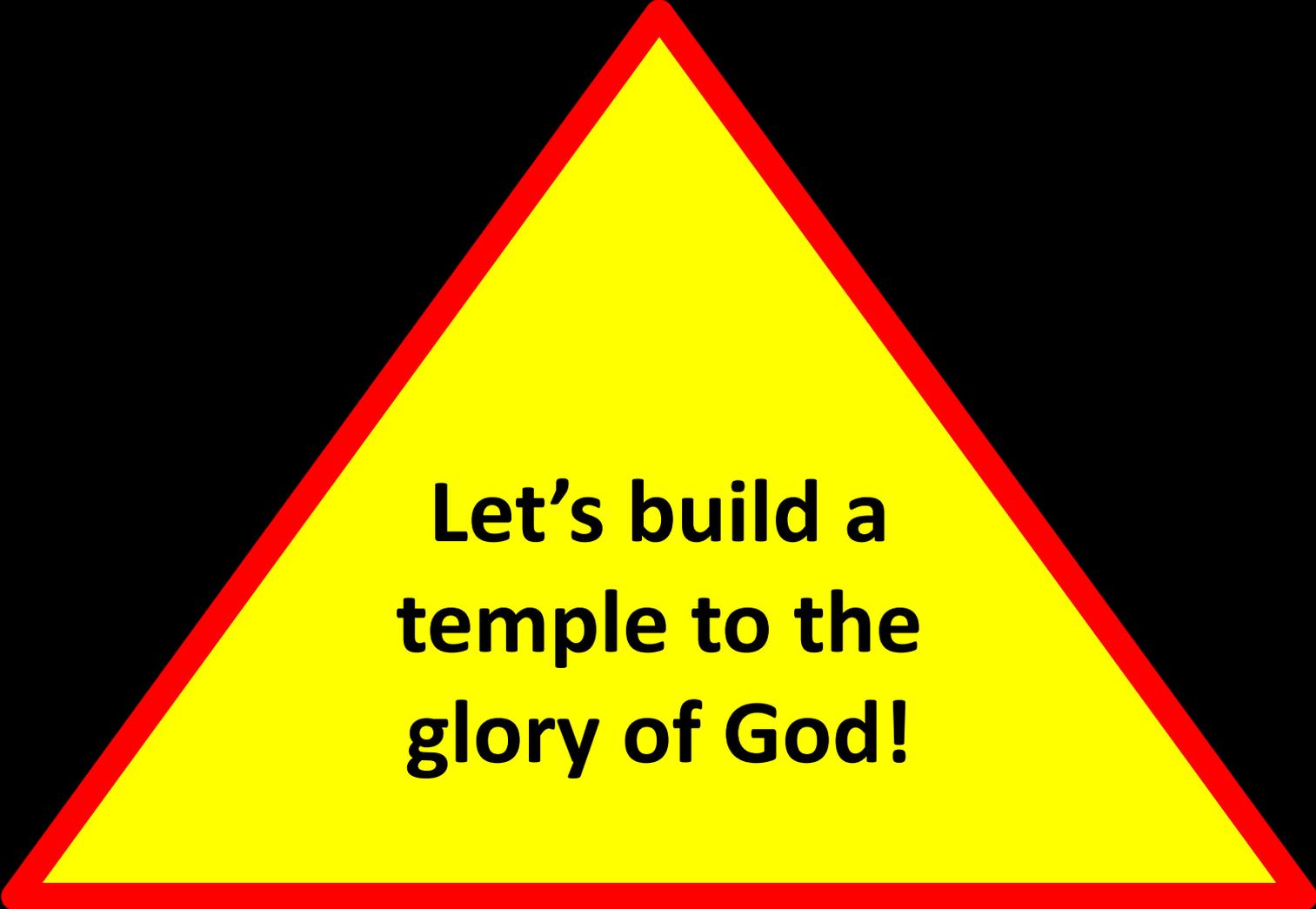
**Psalm 122:1**

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.**

**Psalm 122:6**

**For my brethren and companions' sakes,  
I will now say, Peace be within thee.  
Because of the house of the LORD our  
God I will seek thy good.**

**Psalm 122:8-9**



**Let's build a  
temple to the  
glory of God!**

A yellow equilateral triangle with a thick red border is centered on a black background. Inside the triangle, the text "Let's raise up an edifice worthy of the Lord Christ!" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically.

**Let's raise up  
an edifice  
worthy of the  
Lord Christ!**

**From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

**Ephesians 4:16**

**What does church  
membership involve?**

**What are the duties of  
church members?**

**To Get Started:**

**Do you fully grasp the  
difference between  
baptism (individual)  
and membership  
(congregational)?**

**Baptism is between one person and God.**

**God chose this ordinance and its features.**

**Membership is many for mutual growth.**

**God chose a church for worship and service.**

**There are several**  
***ONE ANOTHER***  
**duties we all have!**  
**(32 times in N.T.)**

**For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.**

**Galatians 5:13**

**Brotherly love from  
each member to each  
other member is key!**

**By this shall all men know that ye are my  
disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

**John 13:35**

**Attendance is a duty ...  
but its purpose is other  
than what most think.**

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

**Anything we ask of new  
members is more true  
of existing members ...  
who should know  
far better.**

**You are no more  
important than other  
members ... and it is  
your duty to value  
them as in the  
body with you.**

**25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.**

**26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.**

**I Corinthians 12:25-26**

**Rather than think  
about the church  
befriending or loving  
you more ... you should  
love and befriend  
all others.**

**Church is not to ...**

***meditate,  
learn the Bible,  
worship,***

**... and go home.**

**Closet worship,  
as Jesus called it,  
is not church.**

**Unless you do both  
well, He blesses  
neither.**

**Church is less a  
seminary class to  
train theologians ...  
than it is a body to  
drink of the Spirit and  
grow up in all His fruit.**

**How great could a  
local church be ...**

**if each member fulfilled  
all duties with holy  
passion?**

***Church is not a date or a family reunion.***

***Your marriage is secondary with His saints.***

***Prepare before assemblies to serve others.***

***Work at turning conversations to spiritual.***

***Be thankful and joyful ... it is contagious.***

***Hospitality is not a suggestion ... but a duty.***

***Immediately settle all differences with any.***

***God will measure you by profit to others.***

**Most today want to  
know what a church  
offers for them ...**

**but those that know  
Christ want to know  
how to serve others.**

**Do you warn, comfort,  
support, and forbear all  
the other members, as  
Paul taught?**

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

I Thessalonians 5:14

**The highest degree of  
love is helping a person  
please Jesus Christ.**

**Do you love others?**

**Do you love all and  
each of the other  
members this way?**

**The highest purpose of  
a church is the same –  
pleasing Jesus Christ.**

**Are you fulfilling  
your role?**

**Are you committed to  
prayer for the church ...  
member by member?**

# For Further Study

- **What Is a Church? ... PPT ...** <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/bible/church/what-is-a-church-av/sermon.php>
- **What Is a Church? ... Word ...** <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/what-is-a-church-msword.pdf>
- **What Is a Great Church? ... PPT ...** <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/what-is-a-great-church.pdf>
- **Higher Ground ...** <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/higher-ground.pdf>
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