

The Doctrine of the Church
Marks of the Church (Part 1)

a) **The Marks of the Church**

i) The Right Preaching of the Word of God

a) *“God’s people in Scripture are created by God’s revelation of himself. His Spirit accompanies his Word and brings life.” [Mark Dever, *The Church: The Gospel Made Visible* (Nashville: B&H, 2012), 22.]*

b) *God Word brings life: OT examples (Genesis 1; 2:7; 3:15; 12:1-3; Exodus 3:4; 20:1-17; Ezekiel 37:1-14)*

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(3) What brings life and growth to God’s Church? *God’s Spirit working through God’s Word.*

d) Implications from the Importance of God's Word:

(1) One of the marks of God's church is that it is built on the right preaching of His Word.

(a) Right preaching is text-focused

(b) Right preaching is Gospel-focused

(2) The worship of God's church is centered on God's Word: The Word preached, the Word read, the Word sung, the Word prayed, and the Word seen (through ordinances).