

# “CHRISTIAN POLICE”

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## **Synopsis**

What if it was a crime to be a “church member” without being saved. This sketch takes a humorous but very serious look at the issue, and the outcome, of being a member of a church without being a member of the Body of Christ.

## **Scripture**

Galatians 2:16

## **Ministry Lesson**

Church membership can't save a sinner. Good works in the church or the community will not save a sinner. Only by believing the gospel and faith in Christ can one be saved.

## **Ministry Focus**

Salvation

## **Genre:** Comedy

## **Cast**

Mr. Paul - Older man  
Police Officer - Middle-age man  
Woman - Adult age

## **Costumes**

Mr. Paul - Suit and tie  
Woman - Church wear  
Police Officer - Police uniform and special F.C.C.F. badge

## **Props**

Writing pad and pen  
Bible for woman

**Time:** 7 mins.

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EXT. FRONT OF CHURCH

A POLICE OFFICER IS STANDING OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH. A CHURCH MEMBER APPROACHES HIM.

**OFFICER**

Good morning ma'am.

**WOMAN**

Well, good morning Officer.

**OFFICER**

Did you enjoy the church service today?

**WOMAN**

Yes I did! Everything was wonderful. Oh by the way, I just want to thank you and let you know that you're doing a great job.

**OFFICER**

Why thank you.

**WOMAN**

You know, this is the first church I've ever belonged to that has a police security force to arrest fate Christians. What a blessing!

**OFFICER**

(Bragging)

Just doing my job ma'am. There are a lot of Christian perpetrators in our church. But the highly trained officers of the Fate Christian Criminal Force (FCCF) are here to expose and arrest these unbelieving believers.

**WOMAN**

Good! Keep up the good work. Have a nice day.

WOMAN CONTINUES WALKING ON. A MAN WALKS BY THE OFFICER. HE AD-LIBS A GREETING.

**OFFICER**

(Stern voice)

Excuse me sir, can you step over to the side for a moment.

**MR. PAUL**

Huh?

**OFFICER**

Step over to the side sir.

OFFICER WALKS AROUND THE MAN, LOOKING HIM OVER.

**MR. PAUL**

Is there something wrong Officer?

**OFFICER**

(pull out a pad) What's your name sir?

**MR. PAUL**

Paul, Mr. Jonathan Paul.

**OFFICER**

(writing) Are you a member of this church Mr. Paul?

**MR. PAUL**

Didn't you just see me come out?

**OFFICER**

Just answer the question sir.

**MR. PAUL**

Yes, I've been a respected member of [name of your church] for 25 years.

OFFICER WRITES DOWN ANSWER AFTER EACH QUESTION.

**OFFICER**

Twenty-five year huh. Where is your bible sir?

**MR. PAUL**

Oh, I don't have one. I just use the bible in the pews.

**OFFICER**

So for 25 years, you haven't been studying the bible at home.

**MR. PAUL**

Well, I'm quite busy, but I do feel it's important to schedule quality time with the Lord, that's why I'm a faithful and respected member of [name of your church].

**OFFICER**

I see. (begins to write down something)

**MR. PAUL YAWNS AND RUBS HIS EYES.**

**OFFICER**

Tell me Mr. Paul, how was the service today?

**MR. PAUL**

(Initially hesitant)

Err... it was good. (becomes confident)  
Yeah it was real good...powerful... and Anointed (raises hand in air) Praise the Lord!

**OFFICER**

What was the subject of the sermon?

**MR. PAUL**

Huh?

**OFFICER**

The sermon, what was the sermon about?

(Stumped)

**MR. PAUL**

Well, err... The Pastor... Whew! He preached didn't he? (thinking) Oh yeah, it was a word straight from the Lord. (with confidence) I was convicted. I'll NEVER do that again! What about you?

**OFFICER**

I heard he preached about loving your neighbor.

**MR. PAUL**

Oh.

**OFFICER**

(murmuring while writing) Sleeping in church. Do you have any money on you today or a check book?

**MR. PAUL**

Money, I don't carry too much money around. It's very dangerous on the street these days.

**OFFICER**

Didn't you prepare to give an offering today, sir.

**MR. PAUL**

Oh yeah, I pick up a dollar or two in the morning...

**OFFICER**

(murmuring/writing again) Not paying tithes and robbing God. Ooooookay, I think have enough. Put your hands on your head. You're under arrest.

(Shocked)

**MR. PAUL**

What? What are you arresting me for?

**OFFICER**

For impersonating a Christian.

**MR. PAUL**

Oh no officer, I'm a respected member of this church.

**OFFICER**

I didn't say your weren't a member sir.  
Now put you hands on your head.

MR. PAUL COMPLIES. THE OFFICER PRECEDES TO FRISK MR. PAUL WHILE HE'S TALKING.

**MR. PAUL**

Hey, this isn't fair. I've worked hard in this church, so that means I'm a servant of the Lord, right? I've helped with the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, program committees, and I even helped in the soup kitchen. Why don't you go can pick on someone like, uh..uh.. *[name of someone popular in the church...with a sense of humor]*? He hasn't done anything for years.

**OFFICER**

Mr. Paul, being a Christian is not based on what you do, but what you believe.  
(frisk the chest of Mr. Paul) What's this?

OFFICER PULLS OUT A CRUCIFIX NECKLACE MR. PAUL IS WEARING.

**MR. PAUL**

Oh that's just my crucifix of Jesus.  
Now would I wear this if I wasn't a  
Christian?

**OFFICER**

(look at crucifix) Sir, Jesus is not on  
the cross anymore. As Christians we  
serve a living God.

**MR. PAUL**

C'mon officer, can't you give a brother  
a break? (embarrassed) Look, the Pastor  
is looking over here. (shouting) Oh,  
good morning Pastor. Great sermon!  
(thumbs up) God bless. (to Officer)  
Look Officer this is so embarrassing.  
I've been a member here for 25 years. I  
can't have people think I'm not a  
Christian. (Shouting to member) Good  
morning Sister Williams. (listen/answer)  
Yes, I'll keep you in prayer. (back to  
Officer) Surely, my position in the  
church gives me some kind of rights and  
privileges.

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- End of Preview -

Mr. Paul has it all wrong. Christianity is not based on our  
position, title, works, or anything else, except belief and faith  
in Jesus death and resurrection.

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