

“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.

- 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.
