

THE RIGHT CHURCH, *WHICH ONE?*

The divisions of Christendom are the scandal of Christianity and disgracing, disgusting, embarrassing mockery of the Most High God. America blows its boasting trumpet of having more than 300 religious sects and denominations. However, there is only **One Church** that the Lord of Heaven built and is coming back for. If this sounds strange to you, if it sounds like a religious madman talking; I invite your attention to the Most High God concerning the matter. "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) Observe that the Lord used singular terms, **church** and **it**; and they signify one. Jesus promised to build **One Church**, and if He built more than one, He did not keep his promise. Since the Lord has only one church, the matter at hand is not to find something **Like the Church** of the Lord, or one RESEMBLING IT, but we want to find the one built by Jesus, Himself. Therefore, let us explore the following distinctive marks that positively identify the church of the Bible. **Where there is one of anything, one has no choice.**

Christ founded it and built it. (Matthew 16:18) He is the originator of it and its history begins and ends with Him. Trace the history of the Lutheran Church and it is explicitly clear that it goes back to Martin Luther. Buddhism originated with Buddha, and Confucianism dates back to Confucius. The church of Christ goes back to Christ. Psalm 127:1 informs us, **"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it..."** Paul emphatically states in I Corinthians 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

COMMUNED EVERY FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

The early church continued steadfastly in the breaking of bread. (Acts 2:42) Luke writes in Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week, when the apostles came together to break bread..." When some people read this passage, the automatic question is, **"Do you have to take it every Sunday?"** It is strange how some preachers can understand the meaning of the first day of the week in I Corinthians 16:1,2 when it speaks of collection, but cannot understand the first day in Acts 20:7.

CHRIST Is The Founder of the True Church!

TIME AND PLACE

The prophets of old predicted when the church would start. Isaiah 2:2 tells us that the church would start in the last days. Zechariah 1:16 tells us that the church would start in the city of Jerusalem. Luke tells us that the church was started in Jerusalem. (Acts 2:1-5) These are unavoidable conclusions that face us; any church that did not start in Jerusalem is not the Lord's church. Rome, Germany, Baltimore, Providence, R.I., etc., are not the place of origination of the Lord's church. **It did not originate in two places, but one place.** Mark 9:1 tells us that the church would start in the lifetime of the apostles.

This was before the birth of Joseph Smith, John Wesley, John Calvin, Roger Williams, and Ezekiel Holliman. This simply means that none of them could possibly have been the founder of the New Testament church.

How often does the first day of the week come? You know that it comes **Every Week**, and that is how often God wants us to commune. Once a month, quarterly, semi-annually and annually do not meet God's standard.

THE TRUE CHURCH DID NOT USE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

They sang, **Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord** (Eph 5:19)

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Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. (Heb 2:12) The Bible church sang without using instrumental music, and that is what we ought to do today in the church.

HOW DENOMINATIONS STARTED.....

TIME	PLACE	FOUNDER	CHURCH
606	Rome	Boniface III	Roman Catholic
1520	Germany	Martin Luther	Lutheran
1534	England	Henry VIII	Episcopalian
1536	Switzerland	John Calvin	Presbyterian
1550	England	Robert Brown	Congregational
1607	Holland	John Smythe	Baptist
1739	England	John Wesley	Methodist
1830	America	Joseph Smith	Latter Day Saints (Mormon)
1830	America	William	Adventist
1866	America	Mary Eddy	Christian Scientist
1872	America	C.T. Russell	Jehovah's Witnesses
1897	Memphis	C.P. Jones C.H. Mason	Church of God in Christ

ABSENCE OF DENOMINATIONAL TITLES

There was a conspicuous absence of all titles that have been given to denominational preachers, such as "father, reverend, pastor." There were no "Reverend Paul or Peter" and no "Father James or John." Psalm 111:9 informs us that **"reverend" is God's name, not man's.** The Lamb of God stated, "And call no man your father upon the earth, for one is your Father, which is in heaven." These distinctive marks can be found only in the **church of Christ**, the church that was built by the Son of God. If I were you, I would become a member of that blood-bought, Spirit-filled, hell-proof and heaven-bound church. Listen to Jesus in Matthew 15:13, "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Eugene Lawton

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

We would like for you to make a careful comparison of this church with the one described in detail in your Bible. We believe that you will find that this church is not similar to but is identical in every way to the church you read about in the New Testament. This isn't an exclusive or wealthy church, everything about it is very simple and it is not its purpose to feed vanity or pride with a display of vain things.

It is not its aim to amuse or entertain those who attend its services. It exists here as a simple New Testament body, pointing those of its community to the Christ and God of the Bible. Its doors are open to those who from the quiet depths of their hearts would reach out to God in simple worship and by obedient living. **You are invited to attend the church of Christ. --- Romans 16:16; Matthew 16:18.**

CALENDAR OF SERVICE

SUNDAY **WEEKDAY**

Bible School.....10:00 A.M. Bible Classes
 Worship.....11:00 A.M. Thursday...7:00 P.M.
 Worship.....6:00 P.M.
 Bible Classes.....5:00 P.M.

RADIO PROGRAM..SUNDAY - 2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on WMCA, 570 on the A.M. dial.

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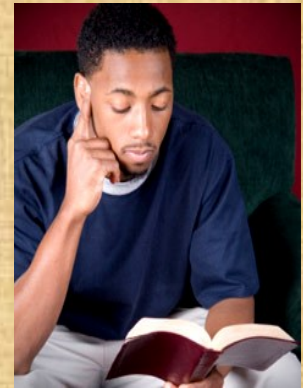
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