



Does it really matter which Church an individual attends?

How to Find the “Right” Church

With or Without Jesus Eternity is Forever.

This information is provided freely to ALL in the name of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.

Introduction

“Attend the Church of your Choice” has become a common phrase in our everyday lives. Many people wonder how to choose the “right” Church and are asking the basic question: How do I decide which Church is the “RIGHT” Church?

The objective should be to find the One Church, the True Church of the New Testament, that Jesus built with his own hands, as defined in the Bible.

In a perfect world, if everyone had listened to the Words of God and if man had no introduced their own ideas and traditions, there would still be only one Church today.

The world is no perfect and as a result of Satan encouraging men to add their own ideas and traditions to worship, we have the religious divisions of today.

Can an individual be deeply religious and not be acceptable to God?

Many people believe that if they are religious and live upstanding life in the eyes of society, it will be all right with God in the end. Jesus taught us that God is a spirit and that we MUST worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:23-24

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

How can hundreds of different religions worshipping in various manners all worship Him in Spirit and in Truth?

A common question is "What in the meaning of in Spirit and in Truth?"

The term "in Spirit" is an abstract concept, like beauty it cannot be defined, only described. People usually know when they move into a spiritual state of mind, which only occurs when an individual is in the proper frame of mind. The spiritual plane is higher than the realm of reality, in which we normally function. We will usually rapidly reach this higher plane, when reaching out to God, in sincere and humble prayer.

For example; if an individual attends a worship service with a hostile attitude or is overwhelmed with worldly concerns; is unwilling to ask for the Lord for help and is only going through the motions of worship; has prevented himself, in all likelihood, from advancing to the spiritual level. If that same person had simply honestly prayed for assistance while waiting for the worship begin, the outcome of his worship, in all likelihood, would have been much different. Keep these points in mind, if you find yourself wishing that the minister would bring his lesson to a close, so you can move on to the afternoon activities.

It is all a matter of attitude and focusing our minds on spiritual concerns, while consciously attempting to eliminate worldly issues from the active part of our mind, during worship services or at times of prayer.

For example; if an individual looks forward to worship services, shows genuine love and concern for everyone he meets before services, reminds himself that he is in the presents of the Almighty God, listens closely to the opening prayer, sings to the Lord with joy in his heart, carefully considers the extreme suffering of Jesus on cross during the Lord Supper and did it all with love in his heart, could safely assume that he had reached the spiritual level, if there was any question, which is not likely.

God requires that we worship with all our heart, mind and soul, which were created in His image. We all have the ability, but it requires effort and a wiliness to conform to His Commandments, in order to offer the spiritual form of worship that is; sincere, humble, holy, pure and corresponds with the spiritual disposition of God.

It is a mental activity, supported by our physical abilities only, as needed, such as standing for a prayer.

On the other hand, "in Truth" is a term that can be defined, in two steps.

The word Truth in this context simply means carefully following His Commandments and Instructions that are written in the Word of God.

The term "in Truth" is interchangeable and comparable to the term "Will of God"

Paul points out the importance of coming to a knowledge of the Truth in 1 Timothy 2:4, "Who [God] will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH."

What is the TRUTH that is being referred to in this passage?

Jesus answers that question in John 17:17 "Sanctify them by your TRUTH, YOUR WORD is TRUTH." The Word of God is the TRUTH and the only source of the TRUTH.

Now that we understand the source of Truth, the second step is to organize and harmonize the worship of God, just as He directs in His Word, without any unauthorized additions, man-made "improvements" or creative enhancements.

He stated in the Bible what He Wants and Expects His Word to be obeyed. Adding anything or condoning their use, that is not clearly called for in the Bible is simply unacceptable.

The list of man-made additions is almost endless, a few examples include, idols (likeness of Mary etc.), robes, candles, incense; musical instruments, choirs, pageants and other unauthorized practices.

Adding to Worship is condemned, in both the Old and New Testaments. In DEUTERONOMY 4:2 "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you."

Further in PROVERBS 30:6 "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

THE FATAL RESULTS OF ADDING TO WORSHIP is found in LEVITICUS 10:1-2 "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, **AND OFFERED STRANGE FIRE BEFORE THE LORD**, Which **HE COMMANDED THEM NOT** and There Went Out Fire From The Lord, And Devoured Them, And **THEY DIED BEFORE THE LORD.**"

In 1 CORINTHIANS 4:6, early Christians are advised, "that ye might learn in us NOT TO THINK OF MEN ABOVE THAT WHICH IS WRITTEN". John clearly states in 2 JOHN 1:9 " Whosoever transgresseth, and **ABIDETH NOT IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, HATH NOT GOD.** He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

The Biblical Injunction against **ADDING TO WORSHIP** is clearly stated. In REVELATION 22:18-19 we are further warned "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **IF ANY MAN SHALL ADD unto these things, GOD SHALL ADD UNTO HIM THE PLAGUES** that are written in this book: And **IF ANY MAN SHALL TAKE AWAY** from the words of the book of this prophecy, **GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS PART OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE**, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book"

Does the Truth really matter?

**The Truth really mattered to
Jesus, Paul, John and Peter in the first century!**

This is made perfectly clear in the New Testament by the following:

■ Jesus had a great controversy with deeply religious people, the Pharisees.

Mark 7:1-9

Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

He answered and said unto them, *Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.*

HOWBEIT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN. FOR LAYING ASIDE THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, YE HOLD THE TRADITION OF MEN, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

And he said unto them, *FULL WELL YE REJECT THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, THAT YE MAY KEEP YOUR OWN TRADITION.*

■ The controversy between Jesus and the Jewish leaders continues.

John 5:43-47

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

■ Paul's controversy with the churches of Galatia

Galatians 1:6-9

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would PERVERT THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

BUT THOUGH WE, OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL UNTO YOU THAN THAT WHICH WE HAVE PREACHED UNTO YOU, LET HIM BE ACCURSED. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

■ John's warnings of false teachings in the first century church

1 John 4:1

BELoved, BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1 John 4:5-6

They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. HEREBY KNOW WE THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR.

2 John 1:8-11

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. HE THAT ABIDETH IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, HE HATH BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

■ Paul comments to Christ's Church at Corinth regarding Timothy's mission.

1 Corinthians 4:17

For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, WHO SHALL BRING YOU INTO REMEMBRANCE OF MY WAYS WHICH BE IN CHRIST, as I teach every where in every church.

■ Peter encourages first century Christians to be diligent in the faith and warns of false teachers.

2 Peter 3:13-18

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, BEWARE LEST YE ALSO, BEING LED AWAY WITH THE ERROR OF THE WICKED, fall from your own stedfastness. BUT GROW IN GRACE, AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Don't fall into Satan's Trap

Many deeply religious people are in serious danger of not being acceptable to God, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT SOUGHT THE TRUTH AND THEREFORE, HAVE NOT WORSHIPPED HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. .

In addition, millions of other sincere individuals, who believe that they are living a Christian life and looking forward to spending eternity with the Lord, **have been deceived into believing false doctrines.** Why? Because they fell into Satan's TRAP of the false teachings, that Jesus warned us of in the New Testament. Jesus stated clearly "**And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**" (Matthew 15:9) UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE BLINDLY ACCEPTED THE TEACHINGS OF MEN. God never promised that it would be easy and expects people to diligently study the scriptures

In Matthew 7:13-14 He Jesus provide a clear warning, **Enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.** As an all-knowing God he could foresee the numerous divisions that would take place in modern times. Jesus built only One True Church and only those worshipping, as defined in the Holy Bible have any Hope of Heaven.

Jesus made it clear that the vast majority will spend eternity as the angels of Satan in the everlasting fires of Hell. This verse makes it plain that there are only two roads to eternity. The broad and most popular way, which leads to destruction or eternal punishment and narrow and difficult path that leads to the perpetual joys of Heaven. It is certain that everyone who attempting to live a Christian life is HOPING they will among the few that find the narrow way.

But, it will take more than hope.

Please consider the following:

Can you take the doctrines of any other religion or denomination, beginning with its name and point to a passage in the Bible, in clear support of each brief, practice or tradition? In other words, do their beliefs, practices and traditions have the POWER and AUTHORITY of the Word of God behind them?

If any religion or denomination, you may be considering, is unable to provide Biblical support for each and every belief, practice and tradition, it is clear that its members are traveling on the broad and popular road to eternal damnation!

Are your feelings a safe guide as whether we have been saved, that we have the Grace of God or have found the Right Church?

Consider the life of Saul, later known as the apostle Paul. In his early days, he was a very religious man, a member of the Pharisees sect, who lived his life in good conscience before God, while persecuting Christians. After he was converted, he admitted his persecution of Christians, **WAS IN IGNORANT OF THE TRUTH.**

Trusting your feelings or your heart is very dangerous as is clearly stated in the following:

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 28:26

He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Jeremiah 10:23

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps

Some MISTAKENLY believe that the form of worship makes no difference.

Paul reports serious concerns regarding this issue in 1 Timothy 4:1-2 "Now the Spirit expressly says that in LATTER TIMES SOME WILL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,"

Paul continues in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and THEY WILL TURN THEIR EARS AWAY FROM THE TRUTH, AND BE TURNED ASIDE TO FABLES."

In 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 Paul issues a further warning "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; FOR SATAN HIMSELF IS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. Therefore it is NO GREAT THING IF HIS MINISTERS ALSO BE TRANSFORMED AS THE MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; whose end shall be according to their work"

Jesus warned in regard to false teachers "Ye shall know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:16)

Does it Really Matter?

It matters to those who wish to strictly obey and be pleasing to God, rather than following the ideas and doctrines of men.

It matters to those who are concerned regarding the biblical injunctions against ADDING TO WORSHIP.

IT MATTERS!

"Ye shall know them by their fruits."

(Matthew 7:16)

Mark 7:9

And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

1 Corinthians 4:6

"that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written"

2 John 1:9

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Please note the Biblical Injunction against ADDING TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22:18-19

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

In the first century there was only One Church. Satan, the evil Prince of the World, has caused the original Church built by the hands of Jesus Christ to be divided into thousands of religious sects of today.

The Only defense against Satan is to careful study and to follow the ONLY His Commandments, Instructions or the Truth found in the Word of God.

God desires that everyone in the world would follow His Plan of Salvation and then remain faithful; "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH." (1 Timothy 2:4) Jesus told us in John 8:32 " **And you shall KNOW the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall make you free**"

What is the TRUTH that is being referred to in these passages? Jesus answers that question in John 17:17 "**Sanctify them by your TRUTH, YOUR WORD is TRUTH.**" DO YOU NOTICE A PATTERN? The Word of God is the TRUTH and the only source of the TRUTH.

We are instructed to SEARCH for the TRUTH in the Holy Scriptures and to follow its clear instructions to the letter. The decisions make in this life will make all the difference in the life to come.

If we are to know the Truth or the Will of God, we must study and listen closely to the Words of Jesus and His inspired Apostles. We live in a time of countless religious organizations, which have twisted, and distorting the Scriptures and are teaching the commandants of men.

Paul states clearly that there is only ONE body (Church) and ONE Faith.

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Jude made it clear that we should earnestly contend for the faith.

Note "the faith" is singular.

Jude 1:3

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith, which was once delivered unto the saints.

Does the Truth or the Will of God really matter?

Of course, the TRUTH or the Will of God really matters!

That is, if the difference means spending eternity in Heaven or Hell really matters.

How to find the “True” Church

With so many contradicting religious messages, claims and opinions of today it is difficult for the average person to know what the Truth is and how to find the “true” church.

The “True” Church found by:

Confirming the foundation of any Church, under consideration, represents the full Truth by the careful study of the WORDS of Jesus and His Apostles in the New Testament

Jesus stated clearly that we will be JUDGED ACCORDING TO HIS WORDS.

John 12:48

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: THE WORD THAT I HAVE SPOKEN, THE SAME SHALL JUDGE HIM IN THE LAST DAY.

Jesus clearly indicates that diligent study is required of those who would have a hope of salvation.

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Locating a Church that uses only the Bible, the inspired Word of God, as the FOUNDATION OF ITS ENTIRE BELIEF and does NOT make use other manuals, books or creeds created by man - that teaches ONLY the PURE AND SIMPLE GOSPEL of the New Testament

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Searching for a Church that truly worships God in Spirit and in Truth and expresses a genuine zeal for the Truth

John 4:23-24

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

Developing a clear understanding of the "Truth" or the "Will of God"

In ancient times, God spoke thru prophets and apostles before his Will was completely revealed. Today, God speaks to us only through His Word, the Bible or the complete knowledge of his Will. We hear him by "open minded" study, so we can learn and understand His Plan.

Understanding the Bible is not always simple.

In fact, it can be very difficult, particularly if one is trying to "fit in" the various traditions and commandments of men.

Make NO mistake; UNDERSTANDING is absolutely essential to obtaining salvation. The Bible includes those individuals "WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING" in the same category as murderers and homosexuals.

Romans 1:24-32

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things, which are not convenient;

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they, which commit such things, are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Please note in Romans 1:32 (the last verse, above) that such individuals are counted as worthy of death or of no value.

Locating Church that was ESTABLISHED AT THE "RIGHT" TIME & PLACE

Where does one find such a Church?

Jesus foresaw the massive divisions of today and designed His True Church and commanded his followers to provide guidance to others in developing a clear UNDERSTANDING of the "Truth" or "Will of God", which is absolutely required for being saved.

Matthew 28:20

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen

In obedience to the Commandment of Christ, the following information is provided in is a detailed expanded outline format to assist the reader in developing a clear understanding of the "Truth" or the "Will of God".

Included are the Fundamentals of His Church, His requirements for individuals to be saved from the fires of Hell, the directed manner of worship, the time and place His Church was established and related information.

Each statement is based exclusively on the Word of God and is supported by one or more passages from the Bible.

His True Church is nondenominational and its predominance objective is to carefully follow His teachings. In thousands of Churches, millions of souls from all races and walks of life, all over the world are sincerely endeavoring

to worship God using the exact methods as defined in the New Testament, by their Lord Jesus and His Apostles.

His True Church proclaims the gospel message of the Jesus Christ crucified who was buried and arose from the dead on the third day, **THUS PROVING HIS DIVINITY.** (Ephesians 4:11-12)

All who are in fellowship with Christ are members of His Body or His True Church. The Church is a Spiritual Body, with Jesus Christ as its Head and the faithful throughout the world as members of His Body. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

God revealed to the world thru his Son, in the first century, precisely how Christians are to worship Him every Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10) in the Church that Jesus built with His own hands (Matthew 16:18), which include:

Understanding that "God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Members of His Church assemble on Sunday, the first day of the week (Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:2)

The Lord's Supper is to be observed each Sunday (Acts 20:7)

Each member is to support the work of the church by returning to the Lord a portion of that, which they have been prospered. (I Corinthians 16:1-2)

Prayer is a central component of all worship services. (I Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 14:15)

Singing and making melody in their hearts, without instrumental accompaniment, is an important part of the worship. (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)

Each time we gather for worship, the Bible is taught in our classes or from the pulpit, which may contain overviews of the Truth, inspiration, suggestions for walking closer to God, solutions to the problems and tribulations of today,

as well as, many other topics based solely on the Word of God. (Romans 10:15; Galatians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:2)

Throughout our services, three principles govern all that we do:

- 1) Worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24)
- 2) All things are done for edification (1 Corinthians 14:25)
- 3) All things are done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40)

His One True Church exists to give honor, glory and praise to God through Benevolence (Galatians 6:1, 1 Timothy 6:18-19, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5), Evangelism (Mark 16:15-16, Romans 1:16, Matthew 28:19-20), Edification and Spiritual Growth (Ephesians 4:11-16, Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 9:31), Fellowship (Colossians 3:12-15), Worship and Glorification of God (Psalms 100:1-5, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 Peter 2:12, 1 Peter 4:11, Romans 15:6, 1 Corinthians 10:31). We accomplish this through study, prayer and personal involvement, using only the Bible as our authority and guide.

The Members of His True Church earnestly recognize that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (2 Timothy 3:16)

We esteem Jesus Christ as Lord and have the highest regard for His Authority. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth". (Matthew 28:18) Adding to, or subtracting from, the simple instructions of Jesus is forbidden (Revelation 22:18-19) and is failing to respect Him as Lord. Therefore, we have no conferences, synods, councils, earthly headquarters or denominational governmental associations, as Christ did not authorize any of these. Such organizations, which have been created by men, serve only to compete with the Authority of Christ. Such organizations bind human traditions and commandments upon others, which was condemned by Jesus. (Matthew 15:9)

In the first century, governing each Church was a group of ordained Elders, who oversaw and tended to the spiritual needs of its members. (Acts 14:23) The early church used the congregational type of church government. The Elders ordained at that location independently governed each church.

Today, following the pattern set by the churches of the first century, wherever Christians join together to extend fellowship to each other in worship, we find a congregation or local church. His True Church stills make use of the congregational type church government. Therefore, each church is independent and is bound to other congregations only through Jesus Christ as the Head and a shared faith.

Several descriptive expressions for His True Church appear upon the pages of the New Testament including, but not limited to; "church of Christ" (Romans 16:16), "church of God" (1 Corinthians 1:2), "house of God" (1 Timothy 3:15), "the church" or "kingdom" (Matthew 16:18-19; Acts 2:47; Colossians 1:13), "temple of God" (1 Corinthians 3:16) and others. The use of any name, which is mentioned in the Word of God, would be scriptural. **All other names ARE NOT IN ACCORD with the scriptures.**

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE CHURCH, the Church built by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18) In the Biblical times there were churches established in Jerusalem, Ephesus, Rome, Smyrna, and other places. These were not different types of churches, as is so prevalent today, but congregations of Christians in various locations.

The members His True Church are followers of Christ and wear the name Christians only, in His Honor. (Acts 11:26) These followers do not carry worldly labels such as Catholics, Mormons, Lutherans, Baptists or the thousands of other names individuals call themselves to identify their religious affiliation, as these are not mentioned in the Word of God.

These true followers Jesus after carefully searching the Holy Scriptures find no support for the wide assortment of denominational names, practices, creeds or formalities, therefore, having not been authorized by Christ, are

not used in the services of His Church.

His Church was established at a specific Time and Place

A few months prior to being crucified Christ proclaimed, as recorded in Matthew 16:18, "upon this rock I will build my CHURCH; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Isaiah states in Chapter 2:2-3, that when the law and the word of the Lord went forth from Jerusalem, the house of the Lord would establish and all nations would flow into it.

In Zechariah 1:16, it the Lord make it clear, speaking through His prophet, that His house or church would be built in Jerusalem "Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it,"

In Mark 9:1, Jesus enlighten his Apostles in regard to the coming of His kingdom or church, "Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God (His church) come with power." (Power was provided later to the Apostles by the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:1.)

According to the record of the gathering of Jesus and His Apostles after his resurrection from the dead, in Luke 24:44-47, Jesus said "These [are] the words which I spake unto you, WHILE I WAS YET WITH YOU, THAT ALL THINGS MUST BE FULFILLED, WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me." Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM."

We learn in Acts 1:2 through 9 that this meeting occurred 40 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that he revealed details regarding the kingdom of God. Jesus instructed them "Not to depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father". In verse 8, He said, "But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me both in JERUSALEM and Judah and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth". Verse 9 tells us "when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." In verse 12, we are told "Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey." This account is also recorded in Luke 24:48-53. Based upon the foregoing, it is clear that:

His Church or Kingdom began in Jerusalem.

Beginning in the first verse of Acts Chapter 2, we are told that eleven days later (the day of Pentecost was 50 days after the resurrection of Christ), all Apostles were together on the day of after Pentecost or the first day of week (Sunday) and suddenly a sound from Heaven, like a rushing mighty wind and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other languages. "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven." (Acts 2:5) "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language." (Acts 2:6)

The Apostle Peter then preached the first and possibly the greatest Gospel sermon ever, on the life, death, the burial, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Luke relates in verse 37 that when assembly heard this, "they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men [and] brethren, what shall we do?" Peter answered in verse 38, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." We learn in verse 41 that "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same

day there were added [unto them] about three thousand souls." In verse 47, we discover that the church continued to grow, "Praising God and having favor with all the people, and the Lord added to the CHURCH daily such as should be saved".

The True Church of our Lord began in approximately 30 AD

(Bible scholars differ on the actual year, estimates range from 29 AD to 33 AD).

This we do know, based upon the Scriptural account, that the church started on the first day of the week (Sunday) following first Pentecost day after the resurrection of Christ and eleven days after ascension His to Heaven, with a Membership of three thousand Souls. **This fact is confirmed by fact that this is the first time in the New Testament that the Church is spoken of as being in existence.**

Based solely upon the Word of God, we know when and where the spiritual Church or the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior began. The first Sunday following that Pentecost marked the very beginning of the reign of Christ over His kingdom or His True Church in its operational form.

HIS CHURCH was established at Jerusalem in approximately 30 AD.

Any church or faith that was established at a **different time** in history or at a **different place** **CANNOT be the One True Church that Christ built.** This includes all man-made denominations of today. Those who are not a part of His True Church we read about in the Bible, but are a part of a substitute a man-made organization instead **HAVE NO PROMISE OF SALVATION.**

The TRUTH is clear, based upon a careful search of the Scriptures, there is only ONE True Church.

His True Church, Christ's Church, which known to the world as The Church of Christ, which was the name of The ONE TRUE Church in the first century

Thus the great Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 16:16, "The churches of Christ salute you".

OUR UNIQUE APPEAL TO ALL BELIEVERS

Now that you are aware of a church in the 21st century, which is built according to the design of Christ's original church, why not become a member of it? You will then live and worship just as the apostle-guided Christians of the first century did.

If we do just what our Lord commanded we know that our salvation is certain.

**COME WITH US AS WE GO BACK TO THE BIBLE, BACK TO
CHRIST AND HIS ONE TRUE CHURCH!**

Not only is the return to New Testament Christianity a wonderful basis upon which all believers in Christ can unite, it is absolutely solid ground.

Millions of sincere individuals, who believe that they are living a Christian life and looking forward to spending eternity with the Lord, have been deceived into believing false doctrines.

This is a call is for the religious accord of all believers in Christ, based solely on the Word of God. Members of His One True Church plead is for a worldwide restoration of New Testament Christianity and to unite all God-fearing populace, using only the pure, plain and simple instructions of Jesus and His Apostles.

After a carefully in-depth examination of the Holy Scriptures, it must be concluded, **BASED UPON ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION THAT ONLY** the Members of His One True Church have any Hope or Possibility of being saved from everlasting punishment.

In Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus warned that narrow is the way, which leads to eternal life and very few will find it. Now is the time to follow:

The Narrow Way to a Crown of Life

His Simple Plan of Salvation, which is presented below will provide you with a clear understanding of the simple steps He requires for you to be pleasing in His sight and to be saved.

[Acknowledge that in light of God's word, that you are a sinner.](#)

References: Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23 and Luke 18:13

[Have faith and be obedience.](#)

References: Romans 16:19, Romans 16:26, 2 Corinthians 10:5, Hebrews 5:8, Hebrews 11:6, Galatians 3:26

[Hear the Word of God.](#)

References: Romans 10:14, Romans 10:17, John 5:24, Revelation 3:20

[Sincerely believe that Jesus is the Son of God.](#)

References: Mark 16:15-16, John 3:16, John 8:24, Acts 8:37, Act 16:31, 1 John 5:13, John 3:36, John 17:21

[Truly repent of your sins.](#)

References: Luke 13:3, Acts 3:19, Acts 17:30, Acts 20:21, Roman 2:4, 2 Corinthians 7:10, 2 Peter 3:9

[Confess that Jesus as your Lord and the Son of God.](#)

References: Matthew 10:32-33, Luke 12:8, Romans 10:9-10, 1 John 4:15

[Be baptized by immersion, into Christ for the remission of sins.](#)

References: Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 10:47, Acts 22:16, John 3:3-5, Hebrews 10:22

Baptism is a burial by immersion.

References: Acts 8:38-39, Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:3-6

Baptism is a resurrection.

References: Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:3-6

When an individual is **BATIZED**, he or she goes into the water a sinner, is buried in the water and raised sinless through the blood of Christ.

At that very moment:

You are saved from your sins. Reference: 1 Peter 3:21

You have been added to Christ's Church. Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:1

You have put on Christ and become a child of God. Reference: Galatians 3:26-27

You are born again, a new creature, walk in newness of life. Reference: Romans 6:3-4

The final step is to live a faithful life until death.

Reference: Revelation 2:10

Faithfully attending the Church that Jesus built.

References: Matthew 16:18, Hebrews 10:25

Our Hope is Sure and Stedfast. Reference: Hebrews 6:19

By following the Commandments of Jesus our Calling & Election is sure

Reference: 2 Peter 1:10

A saved individual may sin and be lost. References: 1 John 1:6-10, 2 Peter 2:20-22

Confession and prayer bring forgiveness. References: 1 John 1:6-10, James 5:16

Set the Lifetime Goal of Preparing for Heaven your Supreme Priority

If a Child of God sincerely desires to go to Heaven above all else and is willing to meet His simple requirements, he or she will definitely have the Hope and Expectation of being included the multitude of Saints in Heaven. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" (1 Peter 1:13) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: (2 Peter 1:10)

**NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE COMPLETE PERSONAL
CONTROL OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Sources of further immediate Assistance

Telephone the Minister of your local Church of Christ and tell him you have visited this website and as a result, that you realize that you need to make some changes. That you have decided to take personal control of your Spiritual Life and wish to meet with him as soon as possible.

The telephone number(s) are listed in the white pages under Church of Christ.

The Minister and the Elders of that Church of Christ stand ready to assist you in learning the TRUTH, in any way possible. You are invited to make a complete investigation of the doctrine of Christ or any part thereof and they would be delighted to personally discuss any point or answer any question.

In the event you live in an area not served by His One True Church or would prefer have your questions answered via e-mail, please feel free to forward your question(s) along with your name and e-mail address to answers@seekingthelost.org and we will address your questions and provide answers as soon as humanly possible.

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JOHN 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth

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Psalms 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

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ISAIAH 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

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