



A question that every individual who loves our Lord Jesus should carefully and critically consider!

## **Is your church HIS 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.

In the first century, there was only one Church, but as a result of Satan encouraging men to add their own ideas and traditions to worship, we have the religious divisions of today, which leads to the question. *Is my church (or faith) His Church?*

This significant question immediately leads to two other related questions, which are also of great importance.

- Are the members of my church or faith walking the narrow way that leads to eternal life?

Matthew 7:13-14

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.

- Are the members of my church or faith worship God 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.

In light of the serious warning issued in Matthew 7:13-14, it is strongly recommended that every follower of Christ compare and evaluate the beliefs, practices and traditions of their church or faith in comparison with the Commandments, instructions and examples, which depicts the Church of the first century, by Jesus and His Apostles, exclusively from the pages of the New Testament.

In order to make to examination and determination a series of yes or no and fill in the blank questions have been developed for each user's personal consideration. The question is followed by a Commentary based upon the Word of God, which provided support or opposition, based solely on the Word of God, with verse support or references. In clear-cut instances, the correct Biblical answer will be provided. The following is an example.

- Does your church or faith believe in heaven and hell?  
YES NO

#### Commentary based upon the Word of God

Every individual who has ever lived will come before Jesus on Judgment Day (Hebrews 9:27) to be judged according to his or her deeds. After the decision of Christ is pronounced he or she will spend eternity either in Heaven or Hell. The correct Biblical answer is YES.

Heaven is beyond our wildest imaginings or dreams. The beauty, wonders, splendor, majesty, grandeur, magnificence, brilliance and stately dignity of Heaven simply cannot be adequately described in the language of humans. Love and the Light of God will fill it and endless happiness, peace and joy will

abound. Jesus promised in Revelation 2:7 **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.** The only way to experience Heaven is to be among the souls that have been saved from everlasting damnation.

Unfortunately, the majority will hear the Jesus say, **"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"** (Matthew 25:41), or **"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."** (Revelation 21:8)

Before we begin the, it is essential that the reader fully understands the meaning of the terms "in spirit" and "in truth", so that ramifications of this Commandments can be included in the examination and determination of the first question. These questions are interrelated in as much as when the response to the first question is determined, the answer to the second question will be quite apparent.

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, 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.

It is a mental activity, which requires the proper attitude and willingness to focus our minds on spiritual concerns, while consciously attempting to eliminate all unnecessary worldly issues from the active part of our mind, during worship services or at times of prayer.

God requires that we worship with all our heart, mind and soul, which were created in His image. (Genesis 1:26) We all have the ability, but it requires effort and a willingness 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 believed the majority of worshippers fulfill this part of His Commandment.

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

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

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

Now that we understand the Biblical meaning of Truth, the second step is to conform, organize and harmonize the worship of God, just as He directs in His Word, without any unauthorized additions, subtractions or creative enhancements.

The Will of God is stated clearly in the Bible; He has indicated what He wants and expects His Will to be obeyed. The majority of God fearing individuals generally understand His commandments regarding the conduct of their personal lives, such as do not lie, steal or kill and to help the poor etc., which are usually obeyed.

**However, in order to walk the narrow way and be saved one must also worship and attend a church that is structured and functions in accordance with the Will of God or "in Truth".**

To follow is a list of questions, designed to assist the user in completing his or her personal serious consideration and Comparative Analysis of the beliefs, practices and traditions of their church or faith as contrasted with the Will of God or the Commandments, instructions and examples of Jesus or His Apostles, as presented in the New Testament. In addition, the absence of authority will be noted, as required. The correct Biblical answer is provided, if feasible. The following is partial listing of issues to be considered in determining, if an individual is currently walking the narrow way that leads to eternal life.

# Comparative Analysis

- What is the name of your church or faith?  

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- Do you personally believe that it really DO NOT matter, which church an individual attends or the faith he or she follows, provided that they believe and have faith in God?  
YES NO
- That God is; forgiving, long-suffering, loving and DOES NOT require strict observance of His Commandments?  
YES NO

## Commentary based upon the Word of God

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please consider the following;

"Attend the Church of your Choice" is a cruel myth that has been restated in the media so many times it has become an accepted truth among the vast majority of the populace.

While it is true that in the United States, everyone has the absolute right to attend the Church of their choice, not every individual residing outside the USA has that free choice.

The statement "Attend the Church of your Choice" has a much greater meaning than simply free choice, but also indicates that it makes no difference how an individual worships his or her God.

Nothing could be further from the Biblical Truth. For example, In John 4:23-24 Jesus commands His followers to worship God in spirit and in truth. ("In truth" is defined as "in accordance with the Will of God") The correct Biblical answer is NO to both questions

The implications of this passage were explained fully above, but just consider the following question;

How can thousands of different churches and sects, each with its own dogma, many of which claim to be the church that Jesus built, all be worshipping God in spirit and in truth?

Unfortunately, many 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"

- Is the name of your church or faith found in the New Testament?  
YES NO
- For whom or what was your church or faith named?  
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- What name identifies members'?  
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(Baptist, Methodists, Mormons etc)
- Does that Name glorify Jesus Christ?  
YES NO

- Were followers of Jesus, ever called that name in the Bible?  
YES NO
- Is name that identifies members found in the New Testament?  
YES NO

Commentary based upon the Word of God

The members His Church are followers of Christ and wear the name of Christians only, in His Honor and to His Glory. (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.

Several descriptive expressions for His 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, is scriptural.

God provided a pattern to follow. Therefore, all other church names are not in accord with the scriptures and their acceptability is questionable.

- Who was founder of your church or faith?
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Commentary based upon the Word of God

The founder of His Church was Jesus Christ, Who from His throne in Heaven, directed the establishment of His Church in Jerusalem, on the first day of the week (Sunday), following Pentecost, eleven days after His ascension to Heaven, in approximately 30 AD, with an opening membership of three thousand Souls. (Acts 2)

- What is the specific time and place your church or faith was founded?
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### Commentary based upon the Word of God

The following few paragraphs, in the article entitled "His Church was established at a specific Time and Place" explains in detail how we know HIS ONE TRUE CHURCH was established, in Jerusalem, on the first day of the week (Sunday), following Pentecost, eleven days after His ascension to Heaven, in approximately 30 AD, with a Membership of three thousand Souls. This historic event marked the very beginning of the reign of Christ over His kingdom or His True Church in its operational form.

This fact is confirmed by understanding that this is the first time, in the New Testament that the Church is spoken of as being in existence.

**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.**

### **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.

**It is clear that His Church or Kingdom began in Jerusalem.**

Beginning in the first verse of Acts Chapter 2, we are told that all Apostles were together on the first day of week (Sunday) following Pentecost 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**

Based solely upon the Word of God, we know when and where the spiritual Church or the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior began.

- Does your church or faith observe the Lord's Supper each Sunday?  
YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

It is expected that every member of the Church will assemble for worship on each Lord's Day. A central part of the worship service is the Lord's Supper. The correct Biblical answer is YES.

ACTS 20:7

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

- Does your church or faith encourage each member to support the work of the church, by returning to the Lord a portion of that, which they have been prospered and purpose in their hearts, each week?  
YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

The following passages make it clear that we are commanded to "lay by in store" as we are prospered and have determined in our hearts. The correct Biblical answer is YES

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

- Does your church or faith believe that each new convert must sincerely REPENT his or her of sins, in preparation for baptism?  
YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

Repentance is required of all men and women, since the only sinless individual to have ever walked the earth was Jesus Christ. True repentance is a change of heart in our attitude. The Greek word for repentance is "metanoeo" which means to change your mind or purpose, forsaking evil and following righteousness. A change of heart that desires to do that which is right and is sorrowful when its does something that is wrong.

The correct Biblical answer is YES

#### ROMANS 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

LUKE 13:5

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

ACTS 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, 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.

2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

LUKE 15:10

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

- Does your church or faith believe that each new convert must Confess his or her belief in Jesus, as the Son of God, before men, in preparation for baptism?

YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

All must CONFESS their belief in Jesus, as the Son of God, before men. This is a simple confession of Faith, which is made just before baptism. The correct Biblical answer is YES

ACTS 8:37

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

ROMANS 10:10

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

MATTHEW 10:32-33

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

1 JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- Does your church or faith baptize new converts only by total immersion?  
YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

The word used in the New Testament for baptize is from the Greek word "baptizo", which literally means, "to immerse, submerge or to plunge."

In addition to the literal meaning of the word, immersion it was the practice of the Church in apostolic times. Immersion conforms to the description of baptisms performed by the Apostle Paul in ROMANS 6:3-6 in which, he describes a burial and resurrection. Since we must carefully follow the instructions in order to be saved, it is clear that we must be BAPTIZED by total immersion only. The correct Biblical answer is YES

ROMANS 6:3-6

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin

ACTS 8:38

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

JOHN 3:5

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

ACTS 22:16

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord

- Does your church or faith baptize new converts, by total immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?

YES NO

Commentary based upon the Word of God

When a person is BAPTIZED, he or she goes into the water a sinner, is buried in the water and raised sinless through the blood of Christ. The correct Biblical answer is YES

MATTHEW 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

GALATIANS 3:27

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

MARK 16:16

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned

COLOSSIANS 2:12

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

- Does your church or faith believe in the virgin birth of Jesus?

YES NO

Commentary based upon the Word of God

The statement in Isaiah 7:14 is a prophecy of the virgin birth of Christ. New Testament passages such as Matthew 1:20-25, and Luke 1:26-31 are accepted as a declaration of His virgin birth. The correct Biblical answer is YES

#### ISAIAH 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

#### MATTHEW 1:20-25

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

#### LUKE 1:26-31

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.

And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

- Does your church or faith vote upon the acceptance, as members of the congregation, of either potential new members or converts?

YES NO

#### Commentary based upon the Word of God

This practice is the creation of men, with absolutely no basis or reference in the Bible. The correct Biblical answer is NO. In view of the fact that this practice is in direct opposition to the following;

ACTS 2:47

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

- Does your church or faith enhance their worship by the addition of objects, or functions not specifically authorized in the New Testament? (Leaders wearing robes or other forms of special attire, candles, incense, choirs musical instruments, idols, such the likeness of Mary or so-called saints, religious flags and banners, Christmas or Easter pageants etc)  
YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

**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 DEADLY 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" The correct Biblical answer is NO.

- Does your church or faith believe that ALL that is required to be Saved is a strong Belief and Faith in God?  
YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

"Faith Only" is another concept created by men, without any scriptural support. Thousands of pages have been written by men in a vain effort to support this theory, but to no avail. The correct Biblical answer is NO. This idea is in direct opposition to the following;

MATTHEW 16:27

**For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

JAMES 2:24

Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

JAMES 2:14-17

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

JAMES 2:18

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

ROMANS 2:5-6

But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds.

- Does your church or faith believe that the sinner's prayer or The prayer of salvation, which has been delivered in a sincere And humble manner, will result in the forgiveness of sins?  
YES NO

## Commentary based upon the Word of God

People are saved by carefully following the commandments and instructions of Jesus and His Apostles, NOT BY ANY PRAYER OR RITUAL CREATED BY MAN.

Belief that the so-called Prayer of Salvation or Sinner's Prayer will somehow result in forgiveness of sin, has absolutely no scriptural support. Therefore, all those who have attempted to use this method of cleansing their sins have failed and continue to be seen as sinners in the eyes of God.

The Bible makes it clear that GOD DOES NOT HEAR OR ANSWER THE PRAYERS OF SINNERS, regardless of what they are praying for or about. This does not assume that God cannot hear. God is omnipresent and hears everything. However, the following verses make it clear that God does not hear all prayers in the sense of answering or regarding them. The correct Biblical answer is NO.

JOHN 9:31

Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

1 PETER 3:12

For the eyes of the Lord [are] over the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord [is] against them that do evil

Question regarding these prayers and 1 Peter 3:12; How can one expect to be a member of the righteous, if they have not obeyed the gospel, by completing each of the required elements?

- Does your church or faith believe that once an individual is "saved" he or she is always "saved", regardless of personal conduct, which is known as "once saved, always saved" or the "perseverance of the saints"?
- YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

This concept is that once a person has been saved, that it is impossible for that person to fall from Grace, regardless of how they conduct their lives thereafter. The correct Biblical answer is NO. The fact is that the Bible makes it quite clear that SALVATION IS CONDITIONAL and an individual may be lost, which is obvious in the following;

#### ROMANS 11:22

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

#### 2 PETER 3:17

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.

#### 2 PETER 2:20-22

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

- Does your church or faith believe that God selects those people who will be saved and they will be saved regardless of their individual spiritual condition, which is known as "Predestination" or "Unconditional Election"

YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

The concept of Predestination is that God selected those people who will be saved, regardless of their individual spiritual condition. It is true that God can foresee those who will remain faithful to the end and will be saved, but God desires that all men be saved (1Timothy 2:4). Man has been given free will or freedom of choice. God wants each individual to make the decision to

become a faithful Christian. The statement of the apostle Peter, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is acceptable unto him"(Acts 10:34-35) is evidence that God did not predestine individuals to be eternally saved or lost, but that He allows each man determines his own destiny. The correct Biblical answer is NO.

Another religious initiative without any scriptural support and in direct opposition to the following;

1 CORINTHIANS 9:27

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

- Does your church or faith encourage woman members to take an active leadership role in your Worship Services?  
(Fulfilling roles such as serving as a Minister, Teaching an Adult Bible Class, attended by male members, Leading Public Prayers in Worship Services, Serving the Lord's Supper)  
YES NO

### Commentary based upon the Word of God

Many women have abilities equal to any man who is a preacher or elder, however that does not alter the fact that God's Word calls for all women to be submissive in marriage and in the public worship of the Church. Therefore, it is not acceptable to God's for any woman to assume the role of a minister or in any leadership role as is confirmed by the following verses. The correct Biblical answer is NO.

1 TIMOTHY 2:11-14

Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:34-35

Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

# Jesus Warned of False Teachers

In Matthew 7:15, Jesus stated the following in regards to false teachings and teachers "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." In Matthew 7:16, Jesus further explains "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

In this context "Fruits" includes the physical worship and practices of the church, which must be compared directly with the Bible and no other source of information. Jesus issued several other warnings including those found in Matthew 24:11, Matthew 24:24 and Mark 13:22.

The Bible, the inspired Word of God, makes it crystal clear that many types of worship are simply unacceptable. Examine Leviticus 10:1-2 for an example of how God rewarded two individuals for an improper form of worship.

Unfortunately, many people blindly accept any religious teaching without any thought as to whether it is based upon biblical truth or the twisted doctrine of man. Following this path can very possibly result in a faithful deeply religious individual being UNACCEPTABLE TO GOD in the end. Unfortunately millions have died believing their souls were in Christ and were actually in great danger.

Jesus stated it plainly in Matthew 15:9 "AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:9) Satan has inspired men, during the time since the birth of Christ, to become teachers of false doctrines and practices as a snare for the believers, who are unwilling to learn or have simply because they failed to sincerely seek the TRUTH. Others have either failed to search the Scriptures, (John 5:39) in order to test the doctrine of the Faith they attend or simply fail to understand the Word of God. (Romans 1:31)

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

**NOW IS THE TIME TO TRUTHFULLY RESPOND TO THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THAT YOU WERE ASKED TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER;**

- Are the members of my church or faith walking the narrow way that leads to eternal life?

Matthew 7:13-14

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.

- Are the members of my church or faith worship God 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.

**If you are still uncertain, please carefully reflect on the following;**

Do your beliefs, practices and traditions have the POWER and AUTHORITY of the Word of God behind them?

Can you take the doctrines of your religion or denomination, beginning with its name and point to a passage in the Bible, in clear support of each belief, practice or tradition?

Millions of sincere deeply religious individuals, who believe that they are living a Christian life and are looking forward to spending eternity with the Lord, are actually in serious danger of not being acceptable to God.

**Why?**

Simply, because they have failed to diligently seek the TRUTH and blindly accepted the teachings of men and therefore, have not worshipped Him "in spirit" and "in truth".

God never promised that it would be easy and expects people to meticulously study and search the scriptures, which can be very gratifying.

Each individual is responsible for his or her own personal salvation.

Unless we are TRULY walking the Narrow Way ALL the efforts made to follow Christ by attending services, studying the Word and doing good works are all in vain.

In addition to attempting to personally walk the Narrow Way, with daily study and prayer, each of us must also worship and attend a church that is structured and functions in precise accordance with the Will of God or "in Truth".

Once a scripturally sound church is selected and the commandments followed in regards to becoming an active member, each of us should continually review its function and services to be certain that each and every element is scriptural. In the event of any question or concern, an Elder should be contacted to have that question or concern immediately addressed.

The eternal future of every member of His Church depends on all elements of the worship services, being offered "in spirit" and "in truth".

In the unlikely event, that questions or concerns cannot be resolved, it is time to move your membership to a congregation that does properly conform.

It is suggested that each user compare the beliefs, traditions etc. of their church with the following scriptural description of His Church, based exclusively on the Commandments, instructions or examples of Jesus and His Apostles, from the pages of the New Testament.

# Scriptural Description of His Church

This is an in-depth overview of Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, which dates back to the days of the Apostles, in the first century. The founding of this Church, which began with a membership of over 3000 Souls, was directed from His throne in Heaven, in approximately 30 A.D., by our Lord Jesus, on the first day of week (Sunday) following Pentecost, in Jerusalem, eleven days after His Ascension to the right hand of God, in Heaven.

Jesus foresaw the massive religious 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 the "Will of God", which is absolutely required for being saved (MATTHEW 28:20). In obedience to the Commandment of Christ, the following information is provided to assist the reader in developing an appreciation of the Biblical concept of "Truth" or the "Will of God".

His Church sprung to life in America, a new land that God provided for His Believers, in the late 1700s, as a result of the massive "Back to the Bible" movement, which joined members of many faiths in one common goal, which was to worship, conduct services and live daily lives precisely in the manner, as He commanded in His Holy Word. The Church of our Lord is best known for its Distinctive Plea for religious unity based exclusively upon the Words of Jesus and the Bible.

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)

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)

The Greek word *exousia* (translates "authority or power is a noun, which comes from the Greek verb *exesti* meaning *it is right, lawful*.) In its original context the meaning is authority is the power to command that which is right and lawful or power rightfully held. Therefore, Christ has all authority and is all powerful.

Two sources of authority (MATTHEW 21:23-27)

1. The authority or power to command that which is right and lawful or power rightfully held by the Christ (MATTHEW. 28:18)
2. Authority or power to command UNLAWFULLY assumed by man (such as, adding or subtracting from the commands of Jesus - REVELATION 22:18-19)

An individual conducting himself in accord with the commandments of Jesus does so with His authority and approval (COLOSSIANS 3:17). Therefore, that person has authority from Heaven. Authority from heaven is the doctrine of God (ROMANS 6:17; 16:17; 1 TIMOTHY 6:1; TITUS 2:10) and is revealed in the Scriptures (2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17; 2 JOHN 1:9). Authority of Jesus confirmed (COLOSSIANS 3:17; 1 CORINTHIANS 4:16; REVELATION 22:18-19) Christians must obey Christ (HEBREWS 5:9; GALATIANS 6:2; 1 CORINTHIANS 9:21). Christian must carry out ALL things authorized by Jesus (COLOSSIANS 3:17; 1 CORINTHIANS 4:16; 1 PETER 4:11). Individuals who strictly obey His doctrine (2 JOHN 1:9) will be saved (HEBREWS 5:9). Christ is the head of the Church (EPHESIANS 1:22-23). As the head, Christ has authority over the church (EPHESIANS 5:22-33).

Thus, the power and authority of Christ is respected.

On the other hand, an individual who is NOT functioning or worshiping in accord with the commandments of Jesus does so WITHOUT His authority and approval.

This form of authority is from the mind of man (COLOSSIANS 2:21-23) under the influence of Satan. His worship or service is in VAIN (MATTHEW 15:8-9; MARK 7:6-8) and can only result in eternal damnation.

In MATTHEW 7:15, Jesus stated the following in regards to false teachers and teachiings "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." In Matthew 7:16, Jesus

further explains "Ye shall know them by their fruits." In this context "Fruits" includes the physical worship and practices of the church, which must be compared directly with the Bible and no other source of information.

We reject all other uninspired documents written by men in regard to the Worship of God or any other religious practices. This is very important, since we have been firmly instructed by the Scriptures to conduct the affairs of the Church in a specific manner, since the death of the Apostles, no man is or has been empowered to make any changes.

Adding to, or subtracting from, the simple instructions of Jesus is failing to respect Him as Lord and is in direct violation of the Biblical Injunction against such practices (REVELATION 22:18-19). 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)

These true followers of Jesus after carefully searching the Holy Scriptures find no support for the wide assortment of denominational names, practices, creeds or formalities, therefore, have not been authorized by Christ and are not used in the services of His True Church.

Many denominations and religious sects have some form of centralized church government, with various titles or ranks for their leaders. There is ABSOLUTELY NO BIBLICAL AUTHORIZATION for such entities, titles or ranks.

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.

The only authorized leaders of the Church are called Elders. In order to be selected as an Elder, a man must meet certain qualifications. The Bible also authorizes Deacons, also a man, who also must meet certain qualifications. Each Church is independent and is authorized to have its own Elders. Various churches are bound only to other like congregations through Jesus, who is the Head of the Church and a shared faith. (ACTS 14:23; TITUS 1:5.)

The Bible clearly indicates that HIS Church is not a building; it is a Spiritual Body, a group of faithful individuals, from throughout the world, who are in fellowship with Christ, and are members of His Body or His Church, with Jesus Christ as its Head and Savior. It is referred to as a Church, not many churches. (EPHESIANS 1:22-23, EPHESIANS 5:23, MATTHEW 16:18)

HIS Church is group of individuals; the Lord has saved from their sins and has added to the Church or the Body of Christ. (Acts 2:41, 47)

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 conduct as defined in the New Testament, by their Lord Jesus and His Apostles. 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 Sunday or the Day of the Lord

(REVELATION 1:10; ACTS 20:7, 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2)) 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)

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

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

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)

Singing and making melody in their hearts, without instrumental accompaniment, is an important part of the worship (EPHESIANS 5:19; COLOSSIANS 3:16). Since we live and worship under the New Covenant (Testament), members of the Church of Christ sing without the aid of instrumental music. This was the pattern set by the early Church and therefore is the pattern we follow. The true Christian gives of himself, in worship, when he sings from the heart and his spirit is uplifted. This singing, unaccompanied by mechanical instruments of music, conforms to the music used in the apostolic church and for several centuries thereafter (EPHESIANS 5:19).

In the Old Testament they did, in fact, worship God with harps and other musical instruments, but in the New Testament there is no directive or mention of using any type of musical instrument in the worship of God. Therefore, the instructions and examples provided in the Bible are strictly followed since no authority is provided for engaging in acts of worship not found in the New Testament. The question of authority matters to those who wish to unconditionally obey and be pleasing to God, rather than following the ideas and doctrines of men. The use of any item in the worship of the Lord, which is not specifically indicated in the scriptures, is forbidden. (REVELATION 22:18)

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

Just as Jesus built His Church on a Rock, "Upon the rock I will built my church" (MATTHEW 16:18), the modern Church of our Lord Jesus was organized upon the firm foundation of the Holy Bible. Our source of authority is based only on God's inspired Scriptures. "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 actively seek to be guided in all we do by only the Holy Bible. The Scriptures are sufficient for all our needs, therefore, our Worship contains only that which is commanded or given by example in the Word of God.

The members His True Church are followers of Christ and wear the name Christians only, in His Honor and to His Glory. (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.

Jesus made it crystal clear that his teaching were to be precisely followed, which is not all that difficult, and that every man and woman, who has ever lived, will be judged by His Words. **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.** (JOHN 12:48)

The members of His True Church firmly believe that; The Words spoken by Jesus were not spoken on His own authority, but He spoke only what God instructed Him to speak. (JOHN 12:49-50) God in His mercy has shown us the way to eternal life. It is up to US to determine HOW to follow the narrow way, which leads to eternal life, by carefully following the commandment and examples provide in His Holy Word. (MATTHEW 7:13-14) The Holy Spirit revealed the Word of God (I CORINTHIANS 2:6-12; EPHESIANS 3:1-5) The Holy Spirit revealed all truth to the writers of the scriptures (JOHN 16:12-13) Since ALL TRUTH was revealed to them, no additional TRUTH could be revealed after their death. Therefore we can know with certainty that anything written or spoken by men that are not present in the scriptures is FALSE. (MATTHEW 7:15; GALATIANS 1:8) There is only One Plan of Salvation and One Church. (EPHESIANS 4:4-6; I TIMOTHY 3:15; COLOSSIANS 1:13-14, 18)

Several descriptive expressions for His True Church appear upon the pages of the New Testament including; "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), "church of Christ" (ROMANS 16:16) "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; however, the acceptability of all others is highly questionable.

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.

Following the example of Christ "And I say also unto thee, That 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) It is important to note the Jesus said church (singular) and not churches. HIS Church is the Church of Christ, which was the name of HIS ONE TRUE Church in the first century.

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

What you can expect, when you attend services of His True Church, the Church of Christ?

Jesus taught love and that is exactly what you may expect to receive. Members of His True Church are taught from the beginning to have abundant love and concern for their fellow human being, regardless of the economic status, race, religious background or any other factors, created by man, to divide us.

You will be treated with respect, as an honored guest. You will not be asked to stand, to give witness or be embarrassed in any way. Please feel free to ask questions or for an explanation of any part of our worship service, beliefs or the sermon delivered by the Minister.

The Membership of His True Church implores every person to accept the greatest gift of all, which is God's gift of everlasting life in His Son. (JOHN 3:16)

God would preferred that all men be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the TRUTH. (I TIMOTHY 2:4)

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." Jesus further enlighten us in JOHN 8:32 and you shall KNOW the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall make you Free.

It is an ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY that every man and women who endeavoring to live Christian life is HOPING that he or she will among the few who find the narrow way.

**But, it will take more than HOPE.**

NOW IS THE TIME to critically evaluate if you are on the narrow way.

## Points to Consider

- Since Jesus is the savior of the Body and the Body is the Church. Those outside of THE ONE TRUE CHURCH that Jesus built WILL NOT BE SAVED.
- HIS CHURCH was established, in Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost, eleven days after ascension His to Heaven in about 30 AD. Any Church 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 Church we read about in the Bible, but substitute a man-made organization instead HAVE NO PROMISE OF SALVATION.
- Jesus built only One TRUE Church and only those worshipping, as defined in the Holy Bible have any Hope of Heaven. (2 JOHN 1:9)

# The Narrow Way to a Crown of Life

## Hear the Gospel.

"How shall they call on him whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14)

## Believe.

"And without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him" (Hebrews 11:6)

## Repent of Past Sins.

"The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent." (Acts 17:30)

## Confess Jesus as Lord.

"Behold here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou believeth with all thy heart thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:36-37)

## Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins.

"And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

## Live a Christian Life.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;" (1 Peter 2:9)

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

# Which will You Choose?

There are millions of choices in this world, but in the HEREAFTER there will only be TWO ALTERNATIVES.

## Choice Number One

Is to be among the few who have submitted to His Will, labored in the Lord's work and accepted their redemption. Heaven is beyond our wildest imaginings or dreams. The beauty, wonders, splendor, majesty, grandeur, magnificence, brilliance and stately dignity of Heaven simply cannot be adequately described in the language of humans. Love and the Light of God will fill it and endless happiness, peace and joy will abound. Jesus promised in Revelation 2:7 **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.** The only way to experience Heaven is to be among the souls that have been saved from everlasting damnation.

## Choice Number Two

To be in the much larger group who failed to obey or did NOT worship in spirit and in truth in accordance with the teachings of the Bible? Will YOU be standing worst of humanity? The larger group will be punished in a second death in a never ending eternal Hell. Will you remember this commentary?

When you hear the Jesus say, **"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"** (Matthew 25:41), or **"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."** (Revelation 21:8), or how will you answer the question of Jesus **"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"** (Matthew 23:33)

Many people do not even want to think about the concept of forever or everlasting. This concept is difficult for many to comprehend. Some like to think of forever as a circle or never ending. Others look at the night sky and try to imagine where it begins and ends. It is the opinion of many that the universe is like eternity or unending. The fact is that God has always been and will always be.

Please take a few minutes of quiet time and consider intensely the concepts of eternity and **continuous creaseless retribution**.

Life is too Short and time without end or eternity is simply too long and the everlasting punishment in **the fires of Hell too terrifying to make any mistakes**.

**Then make a choice, before it is too late.**

Once you pass away from this Life you have lost the Golden opportunity to have the Hope of Heaven. If you fail to accept God's Grace and Love, by becoming His faithful servant, **you have selected Hell and to spend eternity as an angel of Satan, in everlasting Fire, by default.**

**God has provided a Way**

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)

When we properly follow God's Plan of Salvation and are baptized, our sins are washed away; "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (ACTS 22:16) At that very moment, you are saved.

All that remains is to follow the narrow way and remain faithful to the end.

## **What shall I Do? I have already been baptized.**

The baptism you received may not have been scriptural and therefore had no force or effect. God foresaw that this would occur and provided a solution. In the book of Acts, we have a clear example. Certain disciples had been properly baptized by John the Baptist by immersion, but were not baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, as they were under the Old law at the time of their original baptism. Paul instructed them to be baptized a second time, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

Acts 19:3-5

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- What could it harm to be baptized again, if you did not properly understand the purpose of baptism the first time?
- Why would anyone risk the loss of salvation?

### **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 becomes a member of it?** You will then live and worship just as the apostle-guided Christians of the first century did.

**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 SEARCH the HOLY SCRIPTURES to confirm our convictions and to find the Narrow Way, which will lead you to a Glorious Crown of Eternal Life

The members of the Church of Christ accept the Bible as written and therefore "We only speak where the Bible speaks and remain completely silent where the Bible is silent and allow the Scriptures to guide us as to what God demands we do."

**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)

# It is Time to Take Personal Control of 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](mailto:answers@seekingthelost.org) and we will address your questions and provide answers as soon as humanly possible.

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JOHN 17:17

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Psalms 19:1

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

**PLEASE RECOMMEND  
SEEKING THE LOST.ORG TO OTHERS**



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.

**A Message to Current Members of the  
Church of Christ Planning their Retirement**

## **Lake Eufaula is a Great Place to Retire.**



### **OUR CONGREGATION NEEDS YOU.**

We are located near highway 69, just 25 miles north of McAlester, Oklahoma, nestled on the shores of Lake Eufaula. The village of Eufaula is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. You don't have to look very far to find a friendly face and a warm smile.

Lake Eufaula is a great fishing lake (the largest in Oklahoma) with good hunting in the area.

Property taxes are quite low and quality housing can be purchased at very reasonable prices.

We are a stable, conservative, main-line mission church. Charlie Bailey, our full time Minister, has served the congregation, since 1989.

We need sound workers to retire in our area to help in the work of the Master. Come and visit to get acquainted. Spend a few days vacation and get to know us.

If you love the Lord and want to remain active in His vineyard when you retire, this is your opportunity.

For additional information, link to [eufaulachamberofcommerce.com](http://eufaulachamberofcommerce.com)

For a complete package of information, e-mail J.W. Goddard at [lakeinfo@eufaulachurchofchrist.org](mailto:lakeinfo@eufaulachurchofchrist.org) or drop him a note, in care of the Eufaula Church of Christ, 220 W. Grand, Eufaula, Oklahoma. Thank you.

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