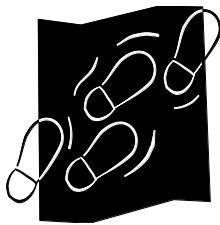


WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?



*"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel
to every creature." Mark 16:15-16*

WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?	The Church of Christ Is An <u>Undenominational</u> Institution	
	<i>Denominationalism</i>	<i>vs. Church of Christ</i>
<p>The Church of Christ is a body of Christians seeking to restore first century Christianity in the twenty-first century. In the first century the followers of Christ were all members of one church. (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:4-5). They were united in purpose and plan because they all accepted Christ and His authority. Is it reasonable to believe that Christ's followers can once again be united in His one church? Churches of Christ are dedicated to a restoration of the unity which existed in the Lord's church at its beginning.</p> <p>On what basis can all people unite in Christ? Obviously unity can only come through the acceptance of a common standard of authority. Christ said, "<i>All authority is given to me...</i>" Matthew 28:18. Churches of Christ plead for a complete return to the authority of Christ. His commandments are clearly revealed in the New Testament (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, Churches of Christ strives to follow implicitly the New Testament as the complete rule of faith and practice in religion. (I Peter 4:11).</p>	1. Many bodies or churches	1. One body or church (Matt 16:18; I Cor 12:20)
	2. Founded by men	2. Founded by Christ (Matt 16:18)
	3. Human head	3. Christ the head (Eph 1:22-23)
	4. Human creeds	4. Bible as only creed (2 Tim 3:16-17)
	5. Wear human names	5. Glorify God in the name Christian (I Pet 4:16)
	6. Follow men	6. Following men is condemned (I Cor. 1:10-13)
	7. Many churches unknown to the bible	7. Mentioned in the Bible (Rom. 16:16)
	8. Membership in denominations is not essential to salvation	8. Membership in Christ's church is essential to salvation (Eph. 5:23)
	9. Preach many gospels	9. If any man preaches any other gospel, he is condemned (Gal 1:8-9)
	10. Rewrite creeds every few years	10. Bible remains the same (Matt 24:35)

<p>Churches of Christ wear no human name (Romans 16:16), nor uphold any creed apart from the Bible. Penitent believers are baptized into Christ upon confession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God, (Galatians 3:27; Acts 8:37; Romans 10:10). They follow the simple, yet impressive, pattern of worship practiced by the New Testament church. Upon the first day of each week more than 2 million Christians in 40,000 congregations around the world assemble as Churches of Christ. These Christians partake of the Lord's Supper, pray, sing hymns, study the Bible, and contribute their finances as each purposes in his own heart.</p> <p>If you are interested in being simply a Christian, a member of the church which Christ established over two thousand years ago, you are urged to examine the Church of Christ in the light of the teaching of your own Bible.</p>	11. Many faiths	11. "One faith"(Eph. 4:5)
	12. Many baptisms	12. "One baptism" (Eph 4:5)
	13. Join churches	13. God adds to "the church" (Acts 2:47)

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