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You Can Be Just A Christian

We are living in a world that is divided religiously. There are hundreds of churches and thousands of names and titles. This has not helped the cause of Christ, but rather it has had a disastrous effect upon the majority. People in general have become so confused and disgusted that many have reached the point where they are ready to give up on religion altogether. But is this the solution? Surely not, since there must be a better way.

Did you know that it is possible for you to be just a Christian? That's right. You, and all others, can be a Christian only if you really want to be. Why wear the names and titles of men, when you can wear the name of Christ? The Bible only will make you a Christian only.

People in New Testament times were Christians only. For instance, we read, "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." (Acts 11 : 26). What kind of Christians would be the typical question of our day? But in that day they were called just Christians. Again, we read of Paul preaching to King Agrippa, and he responded by saying, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Acts 26 : 28). How did this man know that if he obeyed the teaching of the Lord that that would make him a Christian? Evidently he knew what it had done for others or else it was specifically preached to him. In either case, he knew that in obeying Christ that this would result in him becoming a Christian. And finally,

Peter writes, "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this behalf." (I Peter 4 : 16). Another version says, "Let him glorify God in this name," or in the name Christian.

The name Christian is recorded in the New Testament three times and each time it is clearly shown to apply to that individual, or individuals, who have obeyed the Lord or it is shown that when one does obey the Lord that that will make him a Christian. The word Christian means to be Christ-like or to have the Spirit of Christ. How could one obey the Lord and not wear his name? How could one be Christ-like or have the Spirit of Christ in wearing a man-made name instead of the name of Christ? Surely that would be quite impossible.

It is said that there is nothing in a name, but the scriptures tell us that salvation is in the name of Christ. (Acts 4 : 12). On the other hand, salvation is in no other name. In I Corinthians 1 we have some members of the church at Corinth who had divided up and began to say that they were of Paul, Apollos, Cephas, and Christ. Paul did not commend them for this, but rather condemned them for it. He said, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (I Corinthians 1 : 10). Then to show the absurdity of their action, he asked, "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (I Corinthians 1 : 13). Of course they knew that Christ was one, that he had been crucified for them, and that they had been baptized in the name of the Lord. Therefore, the conclusion was that they should wear the name of Christ rather than the names of men. The same would be just as true today.

If you are wearing names and titles that you cannot read of in the Bible, then you are not a Christian as the Bible teaches. In some cases you may be wearing some name that

supposedly comes from the Bible, but if the Lord did not intend for you, and others, to wear it, then you are wrong in using it. If you have added something to the name Christian, either before or after, then you are misusing the Lord's name and therefore you are not a Christian in the sense the Bible teaches you should be. You can't be a certain kind of Christian and still be a Christian only. You are either a Christian or you are not a Christian.

We want to beg and plead with you to read and study your Bible and then do what it says. If you will then we know what you will be—you will be just a Christian—no more and no less. Shouldn't that be enough? Why be anything less than a Christian or anything more than a Christian when you can be just a Christian?

If you will hear the Lord (Romans 10 : 17), believe in God (Hebrews 11 : 6), repent of your sins (Acts 17 : 30), confess Christ (Matthew 10 : 32) and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2 : 38; Mark 16 : 16), then the Lord will save you and that will make you a Christian only. The same obedience will also make you a member of the Lord's church, the one and only church you can read about in the Bible. (Acts 2 : 47; Matthew 16 : 18; Romans 16 : 16).

As a Christian only, and a member of the church of Christ, then you know that you are on the right road. You can proudly tell one and all that you are wearing the name of Christ and that you are a member of his church. That means that you are not denominational, that you are not following the teachings of men, but that you can give scriptural proof for the name you wear, for the church that you are a member of, and for all things that you do in the name of religion. Then you can be happy and understand why Paul wrote, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3 : 17).



The Dead Can Live Again !

In the beginning God created all things. He created the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve. And God planted a beautiful garden in Eden where He put man and woman and He commanded them, saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." But not very long after that, Satan, in the form of a serpent, came to the woman and told her that if she would eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that she would not die but instead she would become like God. The woman, deceived by Satan, immediately looked at the fruit, saw that it was good and took of it, and ate it, sharing with her husband.

Thus the first man and the first woman in the world disobeyed God by doing the very thing God forbade them to do. Because Adam and Eve sinned against God, He therefore drove them out of the garden and His presence. Both Adam and Eve were dead, dead while they were living. They died spiritually because of their disobedience to God. This statement is found in the book of God, the Bible.

Sin is the breaking of the commandment of God. (1 John 3 : 4). Didn't Adam and Eve break the command of God? Surely they did. They sinned against God. And the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6 : 23). The Bible says, "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3 : 10), and again, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3 : 23). Did you hear? It says all have

sinned. Now when all have sinned then it means that all are dead, because the wages of sin is death, and sin brings death. (James 1 : 15). But what is death? Death means separation. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and their sin separated them from their creator, God. They were no longer living; they died spiritually.

But God is longsuffering to usward, and not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3 : 9). According to His plan to save man He sent His only begotten Son into this world, who became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. Jesus himself said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3 : 16).

God's only Son, Jesus, came from heaven into this sinful world. He lived a sinless life ; He was the first perfect man to ever live upon the face of the earth. He came to die for me and for you, for we read, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5 : 8). Yes, Jesus Christ died for sinners. He was taken and crucified and slain by wicked hands. He gave himself as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world." And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2 : 8). After his death he was buried in a tomb, but "it was not possible that he should be holden of it." For God raised him up, "having loosed the pains of death." (Acts 2 : 24). Yes, Jesus Christ arose from the dead. He is living since then forever.

He hath abolished death which came into the world by disobedience to God. Now Jesus Christ is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2). "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." (Hebrews 5 : 9). Please note, man through disobedience to God brought sin and sin brought

death but Jesus through obedience to his father brought life. Christ hath abolished death. Now he is the propitiation of our sins and the author of eternal salvation. But to whom did he become the author of eternal salvation? Unto all them that OBEY Him. (Hebrews 5 : 9).

If you have not obeyed Christ, then you are lost, without hope, separated from God, hence dead. Only Christ can save you, give you eternal hope, reconcile you with God, and give you eternal life.

Remember, your soul is very precious. It was so precious to God that He sent His only begotten Son to save it. It was so much precious to Christ that he even died to save your soul. How precious is it to you? "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16 : 26).

Christ can save you provided you want to be saved. He became the author of eternal salvation, but to them who obey Him. Would you want to be saved? Then would you obey Christ? Christ, the author of salvation, said: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8 : 24). "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13 : 3). "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10 : 32). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16 : 16). In other words, in order to be saved one must believe in Christ, repent of his sins, confess Christ before men, and be baptized. After one is saved, Christ adds him to His church. (Acts 2 : 47). And those who will remain faithful unto death will receive the crown of life at the end. (Revelation 2 : 10; James 1:12).

The Second Time

by

Ronald Graham

John 3: 1—7 "...There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus saith unto him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a **SECOND TIME** into his mother's womb and be born?" 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. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, YE must be born again."

SOME CANNOT UNDERSTAND these words, "Ye must be born again" even as Nicodemus knew not the manner of this birth but thought he should need to go again into his mother's womb, to be born the second time. Many think this new birth is of the flesh and believe they will be reincarnated upon this earth to live another life and die again and again. But God says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9 : 27).

WHEN YOU WERE BORN the first time, you were taken from your mother's womb and brought into the world and

your life began. But this does not happen when you are born the second time. You live only once in a body like this; but to live for ever in the "After a while" you must be born again, while ever you live, for when death comes, it is too late and there is only torment and wailing and fire and the anger of God waiting for you (Matthew 13: 41, 43). But while you live you can be born again, else Jesus would never have said,

"Marvel not that I said unto thee,
Ye must be born again"

SO DO NOT MARVEL, and be lost, but rather turn, and know the way, and be born the second time. "Except a man be born again," said Jesus, "he cannot see the kingdom of God." Now you ask the question, "what is that kingdom?" It is the kingdom of which Paul wrote when he said, (Colossians 1: 13)

".....Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,
And hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

THE KINGDOM IS the one which is entered when a person comes out of the power or kingdom of darkness: when Satan is no longer the king. There are two kingdoms, one is of darkness, the other is of Heaven and Christ is the king. These are not like earthly kingdoms, they are spiritual kingdoms. You are a citizen of some earthly kingdom, and you are also a citizen of a SPIRITUAL kingdom. Are you a subject of Satan in the power of darkness, or are you a subject of Christ in His kingdom? Now, remember, Jesus said that you cannot be in this heavenly kingdom, no you cannot even see it unless you are born again.

YOU"....HAVE SINNED and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3 : 23). Do you agree? Then you are a subject of Satan and in the kingdom of darkness and you will not want to stay that way. You must be born again. But you ask, "How? What must I do?"

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,
He cannot enter the kingdom of God,"

TO ENTER THE KINGDOM of heaven and have Jesus as your king, you must be born of water and the Spirit. You are not flesh and blood alone. Being born a second time concerns the soul. Your earthly body will not live for ever but YOU may — if you are born again while you are in this world. The kingdom of heaven which you shall enter when you are born of water and of the Spirit is a kingdom that will last for all eternity (2 Peter 1 : 11). In the book of Hebrews it is called, “A kingdom that cannot be moved.”

IF YOU BELIEVE the words in John 3: 16, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,” then the way of salvation is yours to follow. Be not ashamed to believe, but rather confess that you believe Jesus is the Christ and can be your king. These are Bible commands that you must obey before you can be born the second time—“of water and of the Spirit.” Then again the Bible says:

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out……”(Act 3 : 19).

Repent means to turn and change, which you must do; turning from the kingdom of darkness and forsaking your allegiance to Satan. Do you want Satan as your king or Christ? When you have believed Christ and want to be a subject of His, when you have confessed that you believe (Romans 10: 9: 10), and when you have turned to God, then you may be born of water and of the Spirit.

“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 Spirit”. (Acts 2: 38).

WHEN YOU ARE BAPTIZED and the water covers you, then you are “buried” with Christ. As you come up out of the water you begin to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6: 3, 5). Did you read that? **NEWNESS OF LIFE!** You are “born of water” and you receive the Spirit—God’s gift to you. He is your

comforter and keeps you in the way through the Bible, which is His word. If you remain in that way all the days of your life, you will be in God's kingdom for all eternity.

When you are born again, you will be saved and God will add you to His church (Acts 2: 47). You will then wear the name Christian (Acts 11: 26).

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.

And let him that heareth say, Come.

And let him that is athirst come.

And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22: 17).

Jesus died for you, friend, but His blood shed on the cross can only save those who are born **“THE SECOND TIME.”**
Have you been born again ?

Some Vital Questions and Bible Answers

MACK LYON

Introduction :

There are many very vital religious questions with which we are confronted. Every man is responsible for his own soul, and must learn the truth on all such questions. The writer believes that the Bible is the Supreme authority in all matters religious, and as the final authority provides a sufficient answer to every problem of life. For this reason, we have presented the more common and vital questions of the day, with a scripture reference for the answer. Believing that the opinions of men are confusing, and have no place in religion, we have sought to eliminate all comments of our own, that you may read your Bible and know what it says.

It is our earnest desire that you shall know and obey the truth. John 8:24; Rom. 6:16-17.

What must I do to be saved ?

1. Hear the gospel. Acts 2:37; Rom. 10:13-15; Jas. 1:25; Rev. 3:20.
2. Believe in Jesus as Christ. John 8:24; Rom. 10:10; Mark 16:16; Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Rom. 5:1.
3. Repent. Luke 13:3-5; 24:46; Acts 2:38; 17:30.
4. Confess Christ. Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:36-37.
5. Be baptized. Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26,27; I Pet. 3:21.

What is Baptism ?

1. It is a burial & resurrection. Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12.
2. It is a planting. Rom. 6:3-5.
3. It is a bodily washing. Heb. 10:2-22.
4. It is a birth of water. John 3:3-5.
5. The element used is water. Acts 8:36-39.

6. It requires much water. John 3:23.
7. It requires going down into water. Acts 8:38.
8. It requires coming up out of water. Acts 8:38.

Why be Baptized ?

1. Christ commanded it. Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16.
2. For (unto) the remission of sins. Acts 2:38.
3. For (unto) the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38; Rom. 8:9, 11.
4. To wash away sins. Acts 22:16.
5. To enter the church I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22, 23.
6. To complete regeneration. John 3:3,5; Jas. 1:17; Gal. 3:27; 2 Cor. 5:17).
7. Baptism saves. I Pet. 3:21.
8. To enter Christ. Rom. 6:3,4; Gal. 3:26-27.
 1. In Christ we are New creatures. 2 Cor. 5:17.
 2. In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:14; Eph. 1:7.
 3. In Christ we have reconciliation. 2 Cor.5:17-19.
 4. In Christ we have all spiritual blessings. Eph. 1:3.
 5. In Christ there is life. 2 Tim. 1:1.
9. To reach atoning blood of Christ, shed in his death. Rom. 6:3,4; John 19:34; Rev. 1:5.

Can a Christian Fall from Grace – Be Lost ?

1. God warned against it. I Cor. 10:12.
2. Some had fallen. Gal. 5:4.
3. God provided for a brother's return. Jas. 5:19; Acts 8:22.
4. He made eternal life conditional. Rev. 2:10; I Cor. 15:2; Heb. 6:4-6; 2 Pet. 1:10; I Cor. 9:27 2 Pet. 2:20,21; John 8:15; Gal 6:7-9.
5. If a Christian can sin, he can be lost. Rev. 21:8; 21-27; Gal. 5:19-21.
6. Weak brother can perish. I Cor. 8:11.
7. If Christians live after flesh, shall die. Rom. 8:13.
8. Some gathered out of Kingdom, cast into fire. Matt. 13:41. (All in Kingdom are saved. John 3:3).
9. God spared not angels that sinned. 2 Pet 2:4.

Should Christians keep the Sabbath ?

1. Sabbath given to Israel only. Deut. 5:1-5; Ex. 31:13.
2. It was sign between God and Israel. Ex. 31:16.
3. Given for remembrance of deliverance out of Egypt. Deut. 5:15.
4. Was to endure throughout their generations. Ex. 31:13-16.
5. Was to end at Christ's crucifixion. Amos 8:4-9; Mark 15:33.
6. Sabbath was part of "law of Moses," "law of God" "law" delivered at Sinai. Neh. 1:1-8; Rom. 7:4, 7.
7. We are delivered from that law. Rom. 6:6.
8. Christians are dead to that law. Rom. 7:4-7.
9. Christ is end of that law. Rom. 6:14; Gal. 5:18.
10. Sabbath was blotted out at cross. Col. 2:14.

What is the Church ?

1. It is the body of Christ. Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22, 23.
2. It is the family of God. I Tim. 3:15; Eph. 2:19.
3. It is the Kingdom of God, or Christ. Matt. 16:16-19; Acts 2:38-42, 47.
4. It is the Temple of God (the habitation of God through the Spirit). Eph. 2:20-22; II Cor. 6:16.

Which Church should I Join ?

1. Only one church by divine appointment.
2. "There is one body" Eph. 4:4.
 1. Body is church. Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18.
 2. Hence only one church.
3. There is "but one body" (Church) I Cor. 12:20.
4. "I will build my church" (one) Mat. 16:18.
5. You can't join it. Be saved and the Lord will add you to it. Acts 2:47.
6. Gates of Hades shall not prevail against His church. Matt. 16:18.
7. Every plant God has not planted shall be rooted up. Matt. 15:13.
8. Don't become member of anything you can "join".

Must one be a member of the Church to be saved ?

1. All saved in the Church. Acts 2:47.
2. Church will finally be offered to Christ. Eph. 5:25-27.
3. Christ purchased it with His own blood. Acts 20:28. Did he purchase a non-essential ?
4. Christ gave Himself up for it. Eph. 5:5. Did He give Himself for a non essential ?
5. Christ built the church. Matt. 16:18. Did he build a non-essential ?
6. God planned the church. Eph. 2:11. Did he plan a non-essential ?
7. If some are saved in it, and some out of it, there are two ways. Read Matt. 7:13-14.
8. Reconciled in the body. Eph. 2:16. Body is the church.

How does one enter the Church ?

1. By being saved. Acts 2:47.
2. See "What Must I do to be saved?"

What Constitutes "True Worship" ?

1. Teaching the word. Acts 2:42.
2. Contribution of means on the first day of the week. 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Acts 2:42.
3. Singing. I Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 13:15.
4. Praying. Acts 2:42; I Cor. 14:15; I Thess. 5:17.
5. Observing the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week. Acts 2:42; I Cor. 11:26; Acts 20:7 These acts performed from the heart. Col. 3:16.

What is the name of the Church ?

1. Church of God. I Cor. 1:1-2; I Tim. 3:15.
2. Church of the Lord. Acts 20:28. A. S. V.
3. Churches of Christ. Rom. 16:16.
4. "My Church (The Lord's). Matt. 16:18.

Will Good People of all Churches be saved ?

1. Not everyone, but he that doeth. Matt. 7:21.
2. Some will be rejected. Matt. 7:23.
3. The chief of sinners was conscientious. Acts 23:1; 1 Tim. 1:15. And lost. Acts 9:6; 22:15.
4. Some doctrines false. Matt. 24:24; I John. 4:1.
5. Can believe a lie and be damned. II Thess. 2:11-12.
6. To prove all things, hold fast to that which is good. I Thess. 5:21.
7. To try the spirits. I John 4:1.
8. To search the scriptures whether these things are so. Acts 17:11.
9. Religious folk will not be saved unless born again. John 3:3,5. Converted. Matt. 18:3.
10. God does not approve of religious division. Gal. 5:19-21; John 17:11; 20, 21, 22, 23; I Cor. 1:10. He who practices it cannot go to heaven. Gal. 5:19-20.

What is the Organization of the Church ?

1. Christ is head. Eph. 5:22, 23; Col. 1:18.
 1. Church is subject to Him. Eph. 5:23.
2. Elders in every church. Acts 14:23; Titus. 1:5; I Tim. 5:17; Heb. 13:17; I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-10.
3. Deacons as helpers. I Tim. 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-8.
4. Members. I Cor. 12:27.
5. No ecclesiastical orders, synods, conferences, conventions. etc. Each congregation independent of all others yet bound together in love for a common salvation. Jude 3.

What were the members called in the New Testament ?

1. As followers of Christ-disciples. Acts 20:7.
2. As to purity of life—saints. I Cor. 1:2.
3. As related to the Father—children of God. Gal. 3:26; Rom. 8:16.
4. As related to each other—brethren. Heb. 3:1; I Cor. 15:1,6.
5. CHRISTIANS. Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Pet. 4:16.

Do we Need Continuous Revelations ?

1. All scripture is inspired of God. II Tim. 3:16-17.
2. God has given all things that pertain to life and Godliness. II Pet. 1:3.
3. Faith was once delivered to saints. Jude 3.
Holy Spirit to reveal to apostles ALL truth. John 16:13.
5. Apostles wrote their revelation. Eph. 3:1-4.
6. When we read we may understand. Eph. 3:1-4.
7. If preach any other gospel than Paul, accursed. Gal. 1:6-9.

Do Men Today Possess Miraculous Powers ?

1. Time for miracles has passed. I Cor. 13:8, 10,
2. Purpose for miracles ceased.
 1. Purpose was to confirm word. Mark. 16:20; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 8:6; Heb. 2:1-4.
 2. Word once confirmed need not be continually confirmed.
3. Means of obtaining miraculous powers cut off.
 1. Power given by Baptism of Holy Spirit. Acts. 2:4, 43.
 2. Power given by laying on of Apostles' hands. Acts. 6:6; 8:6; 12:21; 19:6.
 3. Do not have access to either of these today.

Get your Bible and read these references for yourself, "to see if these things are so" (Acts 17:11). "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I Jno. 4:1). Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jno. 8:32).

There is a church of Christ near you that teaches and practices according to the New Testament. ●

What To Expect

WHEN YOU VISIT A CHURCH OF CHRIST

YOU CAN EXPECT to find a group of Christians assembled to worship God through Jesus Christ His Son. This worship consists of studying the Holy Scriptures, praying, singing, observing the Lord's Supper, and contributing of their means. These Christians worship as Christ directed the first century disciples (John 4:24;1 Timothy 2:15;1 Timothy 2:8; Ephesians 5:19; Acts 20:7;1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

You can expect these churches to have a wholesome respect for the inspired word of God, the **SOLE** and **COMPLETE AUTHORITY** in religion today. "If any man speak let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). Let us all walk by the same rule" (Philippians 3:16). Since churches of Christ accept the Word of God as an all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, you can expect them to reject all human creeds (Galatians 1:8-9; Revelation 22:18-19).

Since Jesus declared, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18), churches of Christ are identified as belonging to Him (Romans 16:16). In these churches you will hear everyone entreated to obey the Lord's commands, namely **BELIEVE** in Christ (John 8:24), **REPENT** (Luke 13:3), **CONFESS** Christ (Matthew 10:32), and be **BAPTIZED** into Christ (Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38) in order to become a Christian, a member of the Lord's church. After becoming a Christian, these disciples are then urged to continue faithfully in worshipping and serving the Lord as the New Testament directs. You may expect to hear gospel preachers pleading for all who would follow Christ to return to the original pattern of Christianity as revealed in the New Testament. It is their conviction that since the Word of God is the seed of the Kingdom (Luke 8:11), if it **ALONE** is planted in the hearts of men it will produce the same fruit today as it did in the first century! This product will be New Testament Christianity.

Churches of Christ wish to commend to all men everywhere this basic approach to serving God. It is the conviction of these Christians that this is the only real answer to Christian **UNITY** and **FELLOWSHIP** in **CHRIST!** (Ephesians 4:5;1 Corinthians 1:10).

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