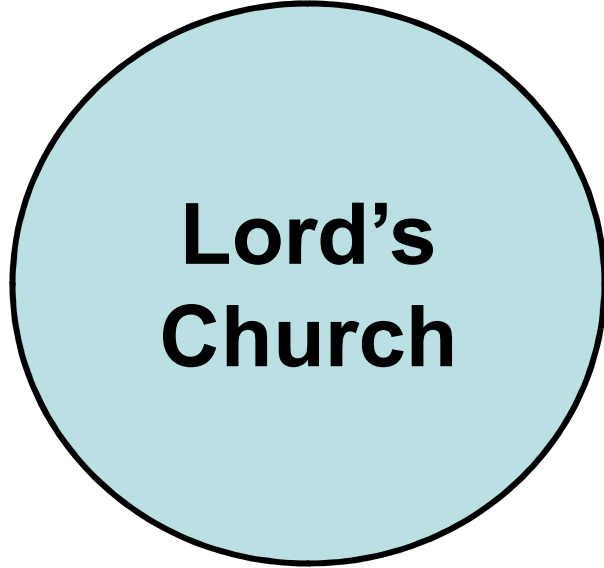


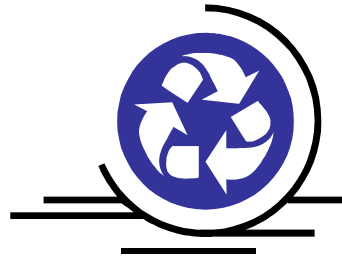
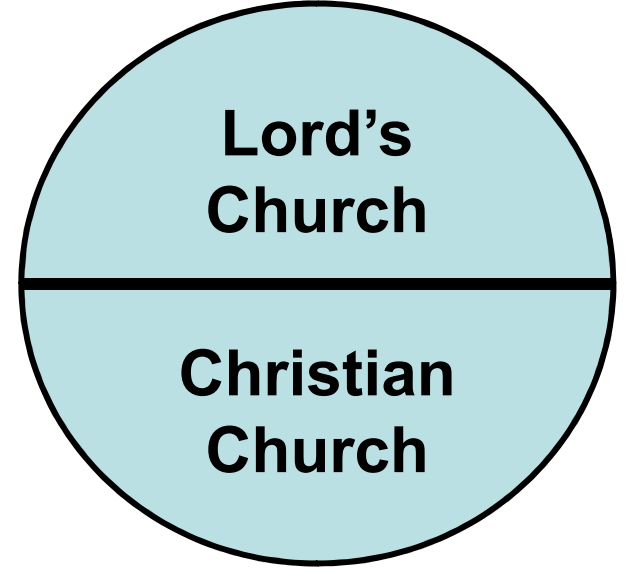
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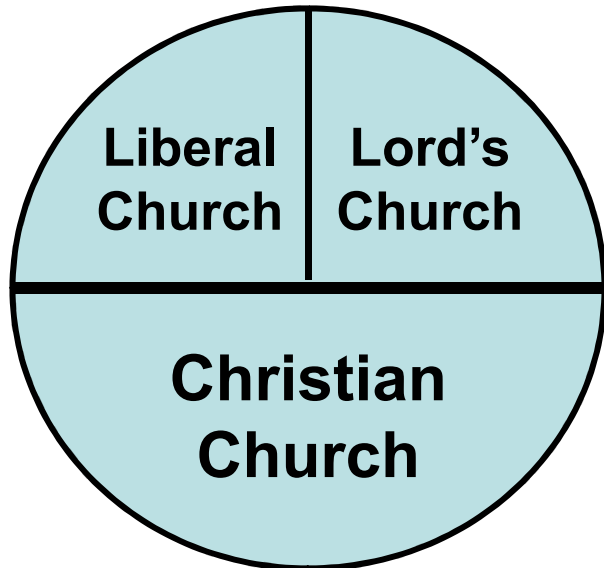
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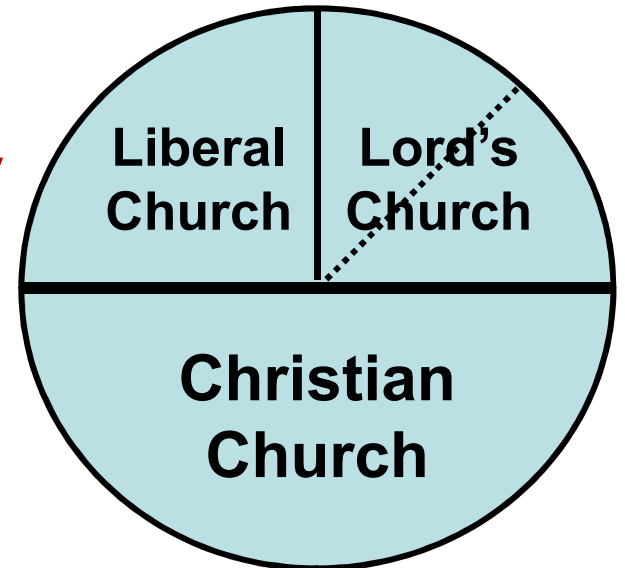
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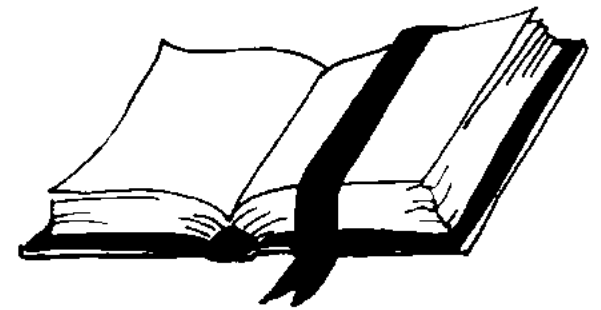


**Will History  
Repeat  
Itself?**

# Church History

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- **Purpose of study--History repeats itself**
  - Understand causes of religious division
  - Understand the need to maintain unity
  - Recognize early departures from standard
- **Self-examination difficult**
  - Hard to see own faults
  - Motives sincere



# Church History

# The NT Church

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## Let the Scriptures Speak



- Kingdom = God's People, **Matthew 16:16-18**
- Kingdom near, **Matthew 3:1-3**
- Kingdom come w/power, **Mark 9:1, Acts 2:1-4**
- Kingdom, those born again, **John 3:3-5**
- Kingdom not of this world, **John 18:36**
- Kingdom is eternal, **2 Peter 1:11**

# Church History

# The NT Church

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## MEMBERSHIP

- **Hear** the gospel—Mark 16:15; Romans 10:17
- **Believe** the gospel—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- **Confess** faith in Christ—Matthew 10:32
- **Repent**—Luke 13:3
- **Baptized** for remission of sins—Acts 2:38
- **Faithful** service—1 John 2:3-6; Revelation 2:10



# MEMBERSHIP **The NT Church**

**Saved By Blood**

**Saved By Baptism**

**What**

**BIBLE  
TEACHES**

**When**

**Rev. 1:5**

**Heb. 9:14**

**Matt. 26:28**

**Rom. 5:9**

**Washed**

**Clean**

**Conscience**

**Sins Remitted**

**Made Free**

**Acts 22:16**

**1 Pet. 3:21**

**Acts 2:38**

**Rom. 6:3-5, 17-18**

**Blood** of Christ **Saves** When We Obey  
God's Command To Be **Baptized!**

**MEMBERSHIP**

# **The NT Church**

**THEREFORE:**

**Colossians 1:13-14, “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”**



# Church History

# The NT Church

## ORGANIZATION

- Universal body–no earthly organization
- Local body of Christ
  - Elders, **1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1: 5-9**
  - Deacons, **1 Timothy 3:8-13, Acts 6:1-7**
  - Members, **Philippians 1:1**
  - Evangelists, **Ephesians 4:11**



# Church History

## The NT Church

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### WORSHIP

- Pray (Acts 2:42)
- Give as prospered, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- Lord's supper, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 20:7
- Preach gospel, Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 3:15
- Sing, Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16;  
1 Corinthians 14:15



# Church History

# The NT Church

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## Mission work IS...

- Teach gospel, **1 Timothy 3:15**
- Care for needy saints, **Romans 15:25-26**
- Edify the saints, **Ephesians 4:11-12**

## Mission Work IS NOT:

Social

Recreational

Money-making

Political

# Church History

# The NT Church

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## CONCLUSION

### MEMBERSHIP

- Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, Baptism

### ORGANIZATION

- Elders, Deacons, Saints, Evangelist

### WORSHIP

- Pray, Give, Sing, Preach, Communion

### MISSION-WORK

- Preach gospel, Edify saints, Help needy saints

## History Is A Teacher

### •Old Testament Examples:

- Eden, **Genesis 3:6**
- Nadab & Abihu, **Leviticus 10:1-2**
- David, **2 Samuel 11:4**
- Solomon (**1 Kings 11:1-8**)
- Israel (**Judges 2:10-13; Hosea 4:6**)

# Church History

# Apostasy Predicted

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## History Is A Teacher

- **New Testament Examples:**
  - **Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)**
  - **Judaizing Teachers (Acts 15:1-2; Gal. 1:6-7)**
  - **Church at Corinth**
    - **Sectarianism (ch. 1-3), Fornication (ch. 5),  
Suing Brother (ch. 6), Error-Resurrection (ch. 15)**
  - **One-man Rule (3 Jn. 9-10)**
  - **False Apostles (Rev. 2:2)**

# Church History

# Apostasy Predicted

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## Warnings Against False Teachers

- Jesus (Matt. 7:13-20)
- Peter (2 Pet. 2:1-3)
- Jude (Jude 4, 16-19)
- John (1 Jn. 2:18-19; 4:1, 5-6)
- Paul
  - Warns Ephesian Elders (Acts 20:28-32)
  - Warns Timothy (1 Tim. 4:1-5; 2 Tim. 2:16-18)
  - Warns Thessalonians (2 Thess. 2:1-12)
  - Warns Corinthians (2 Cor. 11:12-14)

# Church History

# The NT Church

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## THEREFORE:

- Lord's church is sufficient
  - Has complete revelation, **Jude 3**
  - Designed by God, **Ephesians 3:8-11**
  - Built by Christ, **Matthew 16:18**
- Any supposed improvement must come from someone wiser than God!
  - **1 Corinthians 1:25-31; Isaiah 55:8-9**

# **The History of the Church of Christ**

