

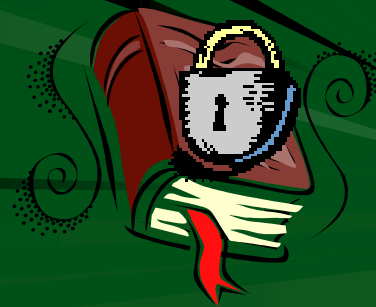
The One True Church

Part 2

*“Examine yourselves, whether
ye be in the faith; prove
yourselves.”* **2 Corinthians 13:5**

Questions To Consider

- Is there really only one true church?
- If so, is it the one to which I belong?
- Does it make a difference what I believe?
- Do I believe the Bible holds the answer?
- Am I willing to unlock the Scripture and see for myself?
- Am I willing to accept and obey what is revealed in Scripture?



The One True Church (Part 1)

■ Jesus Christ: The Founder

- He purchased with his blood, **Acts 20:28**
- He is the builder, **Matthew 16:18**
- He is the head, **Ephesians 5:23**
- He is the savior, **Ephesians 5:23**

■ Jesus Christ: The Foundation

- He is the rock, **Matthew 16:16,18**
- He is the only foundation, **1 Corinthians 3:11**
- He is a sure foundation, **Isaiah 28:16**
- He is the chief cornerstone, **Ephesians 2:20**

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■ His Church Began, A.D. 33, Jerusalem

- While the apostles lived, **Mark 9:1**
- When the Holy Spirit gave them power, **Acts 2:5**
- When the word went forth, Jerusalem, **Isaiah 2:3**

■ His Church Bares Only His Name

– Christ called it:

■ *“My Church”*, **Matthew 16:18**

■ *“My Kingdom”*, **Luke 22:30; John 18:36**

– Apostles called it:

■ *“The Church of the Lord”*, **Acts 20:28**

■ *“the churches of Christ”*, **Romans 16:16**

Membership: Persons who...

■ HEAR the word of God

– **Romans 10:17**, *“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”*



■ BELIEVE the Jesus is the Christ

– **John 8:24**, *“if you believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”*



■ REPENT of sins

– **Luke 13:3**, *“except ye repent, ye shall ...perish”*



■ CONFESS Jesus as God's Son

– **Romans 10:10**, *“...with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*



Membership: Persons who...

■ ...Are Baptized

– **Galatians 3:27**, “as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

– **Romans 6:4**, “...buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead”

– **Acts 22:16**, “Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins” (**Acts 2:38**)

– **1 Peter 3:21**, “baptism doth also now save us”

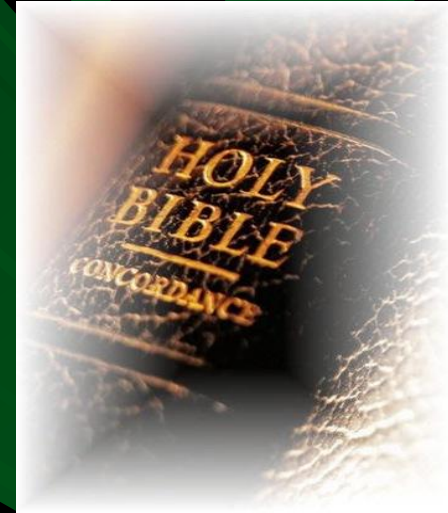


Who & When did God add
to the church? **Acts 2:47**

Members: One True Church

■ Names worn by authority of scripture

- Believers, **Acts 5:14**
- Saints, **1 Corinthians, 1:2; 6:2**
- Brethren, **Galatians 6:1**
- Members, **1 Corinthians 6:15; 12:27**
- Children of God, **Galatians 3:26**
- Christians



- **Acts 11:26**, *“called Christians first in Antioch.”*
- **Acts 26:28**, Agrippa to Paul, *“Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”*
- **1 Peter 4:16**, *“If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed”*

Doctrine: One True Church

■ Revealed by the Holy Spirit

– **1 Corinthians 2:12-13**, “...we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth...”

■ Delivered by the Apostles

– **Ephesians 2:20**, “...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone...”

– **Acts 2:42**, “...they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship...”

■ Obeyed, & Taught to All

– **1 Timothy 4:16**, “Take heed unto ... the doctrine; ...for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” **(Galatians 1:6-9)**

The Work: One True Church

■ Seeking the lost

- **Matthew 28:19-20**, *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things...”*



■ Serving others

- **Galatians 6:10**, *“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”*

■ Perfecting the saints & edifying the body

- **Ephesians 4:11-16**, **Why?**

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- FOUNDER: Jesus Christ
- FOUNDATION: Jesus, chief cornerstone
- HIS CHURCH: Began A.D. 33, Jerusalem
- HIS CHURCH: Bares His Name
- HIS MEMBERSHIP: His Plan of Salvation
- HIS MEMBERS: Names by His Authority
- HIS DOCTRINE: New Testament Authority
- HIS WORK: Saving Souls, Serving, Edifying
- HIS INVITATION: Extended to All

His Church, One True Church !

Ephesians 4:4-6, “*There is one body,
and one Spirit, even as ye are called
in one hope of your calling; One Lord,
one faith, one baptism, One God and
Father of all, who is above all, and
through all, and in you all.”*”

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