

# “False Accusations”

## 2 Tim. 4:1-5

### Introduction

- I. Sadly there is a lot of ignorance when it comes to the church of Christ.
- II. Often times, individuals have used accusations about the church that are meant to dissuade others from being members themselves.
  - A. The church of Christ believes that they are the only ones going to Heaven.
  - B. The church of Christ is a cult.
  - C. The church of Christ believes that they are the only ones with the truth.
  - D. The church of Christ is a “new” church started by men.
- III. These ideas can be answered by knowing the Scriptures.

### Discussion

- I. The church of Christ believes that they are the only ones going to Heaven.
  - A. This is an attempt at trying to make the church of Christ look like that are wrong for believing Scriptures.
  - B. Man does not determine who goes to Heaven.
  - C. Man will get to go to Heaven by obeying God and His Word (Matt. 7:21-23).
    1. Today, one must be added to the church to be saved (Acts 2:47).
    2. Christ is returning to save the body/the church (Eph. 5:25; 1:22-23).
- II. The church of Christ is a cult.
  - A. Believe it or not, this is not a new attack (Acts 24:5; 28:22).
  - B. The church of Christ is not a cult!
    1. Cults try to control the thinking of its members.
    2. The church of Christ teaches and encourages that others should examine the Scriptures for themselves (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15).
- III. The church of Christ believes that they are the only ones with the truth.
  - A. The truth is synonymous with the Word of God (John 17:17; 8:32).
  - B. In no way does the church of Christ try to suppress the Scriptures.
  - C. As mentioned before, we encourage that others should examine the Scriptures for themselves.
- IV. The church of Christ is a “new” church started by men.
  - A. Because of the restoration work of men like Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone, some have mistakenly believed that these men started something “new”.
  - B. The church of Christ was built on the first Pentecost after Christ's ascension (Acts 2).
  - C. Campbell, Stone and others “planted” and “watered” the “seed” (Luke 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:6-8).
  - D. Restoring something back to its original form is not starting something new.

### Conclusion

- I. Unfortunately, ignorance of the church of Christ is rampant.
- II. We must diligently do our parts to help others know of the blessings of being the church of Christ.