

“Why the Church of Christ?”

Matt. 16:17-19

Introduction

- I. There is a lot of confusion about the significance and distinction of the church of Christ.
- II. The populous has been conditioned to believe that any church is as good as another church.
- III. Some even behave as if the church is irrelevant.
- IV. Let us examine some reasons why a person should be a part of the church of Christ.

Discussion

- I. The church of Christ was built by, and is led by, Jesus.
 - A. Matthew 16:18
 - B. Ephesians 5:23-24
 - C. No other church can legitimately claim such.
- II. The church of Christ worships according to the Scriptures.
 - A. Acts 20:7 (The Lord's Supper)
 - B. Ephesians 5:19 (Singing)
 - C. Colossians 4:2 (Praying)
 - D. Giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
 - E. Preaching/Studying of the God's Word (2 Tim. 4:2)
- III. The church of Christ is organized according to the Scriptures.
 - A. Bishops/Overseers/Elders (1 Pet. 5:3)
 - B. Deacons (1 Tim. 3:8-13)
 - C. Individual members (Rom. 12:4-5)
- IV. The church of Christ are the saved.
 - A. Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23
 - B. Acts 2:47
 - C. Revelation 21:1-4

Conclusion

- I. Do these facts seem irrelevant and/or insignificant?
- II. We must all plead for the continued existence of the church of Christ (Dan. 2:44).
- III. We should all be active in helping others to be a part of the church of Christ (Mark 16:15-16).