

“Tell Me About the Church of Christ”

Matt. 16:13-19

Introduction

- I. It is truly sad that there is so much ignorance in the world about the church of Christ.
- II. From statements like “one church is as good as another” to “the church does not matter, only Christ,” multitudes have been led to believe that the church of Christ is not unique or important.
- III. Let us take the time to see what God has to say about the church of Christ.

Discussion

- I. When did the church of Christ begin?
 - A. While Jesus was alive on the Earth, the church had yet to be established/built (Matt. 16:13-19).
 - B. On the day of Pentecost, following Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, the church of Christ came into existence (Acts 2:37-38, 42, 47).
- II. Does the church of Christ still exist today?
 - A. According to Daniel, once the kingdom/church of Christ came to be, it would never be destroyed (Dan. 2:44).
 - B. Once planted, the seed/Word of God will bring forth Christians, who make up the church of Christ, thus it's continued existence (Matt. 24:35; Luke 8:11).
- III. How can I identify the church of Christ?
 - A. The church of Christ is to be organized Scripturally (Eph. 5:23/Col. 1:18; 1 Pet. 5:1-3; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; cf. 1 Tim. 2:8, 11-15).
 - B. The church of Christ is to worship Scripturally (2 Tim. 4:1-4; 1 Tim. 2:1-6; Acts 20:7/1 Cor. 11:23-26; Eph. 5:19; 1 Cor. 16:1-2/2 Cor. 9:7).
 - C. The church of Christ is one body made of autonomous congregations (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; Rom. 16:16; Gal. 1:1-2; 1 Pet. 5:1-3).
- IV. How can I be a part of the church of Christ?
 - A. Obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4).
 - B. Jesus will add you to the church of Christ (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 12:12-13).
 - C. Faithfully serve the Lord the rest of your life (2 Tim. 4:6-8; Heb. 3:12-4:1).

Conclusion

- I. When one examines the Scriptures, there is no reason for ignorance of the church of Christ.
- II. Are you a faithful member of the church of Christ? If not, why not make the choice to become one today?