

What Is The Church of Christ?

Most of the world thinks of the church of Christ as a denomination among the denominations of the Protestant movement. The churches of Christ are often viewed as backward sectarians, mainly because they do not use a mechanical instrument in worship. These are misconceptions.

It is true that some who use the name "church of Christ" are denominational in their mind-set and practices. They view themselves as just another denomination; they are sectarian. Within the past decade some of these churches have even begun to "experiment" with mechanical instruments in worship. Though all of this is true, these churches do not represent the church of Christ of the Bible.

The church of Christ in the New Testament is not a denomination, a part of the body of Christ, it is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). This body is made up of all who have been baptized for the remission of sins (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:38). When people are saved in the waters of baptism, the Lord adds them to the church, the body (Acts 2:47; Col. 1:18). Simply put, the church of Christ is made up of Christians throughout the world.

The church of Christ does not accept the doctrines and commandments of men (cf. Matt. 15:7-9). It will not accept man-made names for the church, such as Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist or Presbyterian. It will use Bible terms such as church of Christ to refer to the group or Christian for an individual (Rom. 16:16; Acts 11:26). The church will not use mechanical instruments in worship, because the gospel says to sing, speaking to and teaching one another (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

If you are not a member of the church of Christ, we especially urge you to study these matters (Acts 17:11). If you find these things to be so, then accept them and ask the preacher where you go why he does not teach the truth. If you have questions, feel free to contact us.

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