

“THE ONE TRUE CHURCH MUST BE SCRIPTURAL AND ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN”

1. ORGIN: IN JERUSALEM - The First Pentecost After the Resurrection of Christ.
2. DOCTRINE: The Doctrine of Christ. 2 John 9.
3. PRACTICE: New Testament.

IDENTITY OF THE TRUE CHURCH

- The church, kingdom to be unmovable.
Dan. 2:44; And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but **it** shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and **it** shall stand for ever.

- Heb.12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.
- Perpetuate in the seed. Lk. 8:11. Illus. Gen. 1:11.
- Does it exist now?
- How may we identify?
- If no all is lost!

CHURCH IDENTIFIED BY ITS

● FOUNDATION.

1. A tried stone. Isa. 28:16,15,18; I Cor. 3:11.
2. Matt. 16:18: Rock refers to Christ.
3. Peter not raised.

2. BY THE BUILDER.

- A matter of prophecy. Isa. 2:2-3; I Tim. 3:15.
- Christ the builder. Matt. 16:18. Authority.
Matt. 28:18.
- Others not acceptable. Psalm 127:1; Matt.
15:13.

3. BY THE TIME AND PLACE OF BUILDING.

- First Pentecost. Mark 9:1; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4.
- Jerusalem. Isa. 2:2-3; Zech. 1:16.
- Before or after, wrong time; many wrong places.

4. BY THE NUMBER ESTABLISHED

- ❑ Singular number. Matt. 16:18.
- ❑ THE, Christ, head, etc. Mt. 16:16; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18.

5. BY NAMES APPLIED TO THE CHURCH.

- ❑ Universal sense. I Cor. 1:2; I Tim. 3:15; Acts 20:28; Heb. 12:23.
- ❑ Local sense. Rev. 1:11; Rom. 16:16; Phil. 1:1.
- ❑ Importance of name. Acts 4:11-12.

6. NAMES APPLIED TO MEMBERS.

- Believers, Acts 5:14; Disciples, Acts 6:7;
Heirs, Rom. 8:16-17, Saints, Phil. 1:1;
Brethren, Heb. 13:1.
- New name given. Isa. 56:5; 62:2; Acts 9:15;
11:26.
- Name from trunk. John 15:1,5. Christian,
prominent.

7. BY THE KEYS USED. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet.1:3.

1. Keys of the kingdom. Matt. 16:19; 18:18.
2. Use. Acts 2:1,22,36-38,41,47; 8:5,12; 26-39.
3. All N.T. conversions correspond to Great Commission.
4. Many wrong keys: Extreme Unction: faith only, etc.

8. BY THE DAY OF WORSHIP OBSERVED. (Some keep Saturday.)

- Christ arose first day. Luke 24:1,7,13,21,46.
- The Lord's day. Rev. 1:10. koo-ree-ak-os'
hay-mer'-ah.
- Enumerate happenings on first day, besides resurrection.
- Every first day commemorates resurrection.

9. BY OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

- ❑ Some monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually.
- ❑ Weekly. Acts 20:7. Show how monthly, yearly, indicated.
- ❑ All Christians to partake. Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:23-30.
- ❑ Failure is sin. I Cor. 11:30; Heb. 10:25-29.

10. RELATION TO THE BLOOD.

☐ Only one sacrifice. Heb. 9:12; Cf. 7:27.

EMPH. ONCE.

☐ Only one church bought. Eph. 5:23,27.

☐ **CONCLUSION.**

☐ Do and be only what inspired word requires.

Safe.