Finding The Church That Jesus Built; Does It Still Exist In The World Today?

Bible Studies for those who want to know The TRUTH!!!
Which Church Should I Choose, LORD?

YES!!! God CALLS YOU To Choose Which Fold of His Sheep To Fellowship With, And In Which To Worship Him!!!

In this Bible Study, we will PROVE to You, by Scripture Alone; That God Has A Very Peculiar Fold of Sheep - Different from the rest; and that God Commands YOU To USE The Words, Examples, and Teachings of Jesus Christ - in making YOUR CHOICE!!!

Choose Well, Grasshopper!

“I Call heaven and earth to Record THIS DAY Against YOU; that I Have Set Before YOU Life and Death, Blessing and Cursing!!!! Therefore CHOOSE LIFE, that BOTH Thou and Thy Seed (or Children) May LIVE!!!

That THOU Mayest LOVE (John 14:15 / Exodus 20:8-11 / Hebrews 4:1-11 / 1 John 2:3-6) The LORD Thy God, and that THOU Mayest OBEY His Voice, and that THOU Mayest Cleave unto Him; for He IS Thy Life, and The Length of Thy Days; that THOU Mayest Dwell in the land which The LORD Sware unto Thy Fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to Give them!!!” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).
Teach and Feed The Flock of God (John 10:16) portions of Meat in Due Season, on weekly Sabbaths, and on The Seven annual Holy Days (Leviticus 23:1-44) throughout each calendar year (Luke 12:42 / Isaiah 28:9-10 / Matthew 13:52). Using both The Old and New Testaments, our Bible Studies are designed to present a premise, make a statement, or ask a question – followed by one or more Scriptural References. Just look up and read from your Bible The Scriptures listed. Comments following questions elaborate on The Scriptures you just read. Pray always BEFORE beginning any Study of God’s Word, Asking God to OPEN both your eyes and your mind to His Truth (Matthew 7:7-8); then Prove EVERYTHING you read, is in fact the Truth, by comparing it to The Word of God (1 Thessalonians 5:21 / 2 Timothy 3:15-17). Then use The Biblical System of Checks and Balances, and SEE if both Jesus Christ, and The First Century Church of God Apostles – also Did, Said, and Taught These SAME THINGS (Galatians 1:1-12, 5:25 / 1 Peter 2:21, 25 / 1 John 2:3-6)! That’s all there is to it! Our Bible Studies are based on the King James Version, unless otherwise stated. We will be Praying for your eyes to “SEE” (Matthew 13:11-17); and we are always available to answer any of your questions! Be Blessed, in Jesus’ Name! - One Nation Under God Ministries, and their FREE Online College of Biblical Knowledge, are Preparing The Brides of Christ (Matthew 25:1-13), and this world (Mark 16:15-20), for The Return of Jesus (John 10:16); One Bible Study (Matthew 11:28-30) At A Time! Join Them at www.onug.us!!! JESUS IS LORD!!!

Can the 300,000+ different “Christian” churches in just America today; with their 217 different Christian denominations, all teaching DIFFERENT doctrines, believing, and doing DIFFERENT things; can they really all be part of The Body of Christ, or The Church (Ekklesia or Assembly / Congregation) that Jesus Originally Founded (Matthew 16:13-19)? Is there any way to KNOW for Sure (Acts 2:41-47)?
“Enter YE in at The Strait Gate: for WIDE is the gate, and BROAD is the way, that leadeth to DESTRUCTION, and MANY there be which go in thereat!!!

Because Strait is The Gate, and Narrow Is “The WAY” (John 14:6), which Leadeth unto Life, and FEW There Be That FIND It!!!

BEWARE of False Prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are Ravening Wolves!!! Ye shall KNOW them BY their fruits!!!” (Jesus Christ in Matthew 7:13-16).

This is Absolutely, one of The Most Unpopular Bible Studies we Teach!!! How Do YOU Rebuke 90 percent of the currently, well established, religious institutions in the world today - with The ACTUAL Words, Actions, and Teachings of Jesus Christ, and have them openly, and lovingly Thank You? The Simple Answer is, they Won’t (2 Timothy 3:13-17 / Matthew 5:8-30 / John 6:60-71)!!!

May Our Father, God Almighty, Give ALL Who Read and Study this Lesson; a Very Humble Heart today - to Receive His Gentle Hand of Correction - in “The WAY” Our Savior, and The Author of Our Salvation: Jesus The Christ, Personally Taught Us To COPY HIM (John 13:15-17), and to Walk In!!!

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Join Us today, on-line or in person; as we leave religion, tradition, and customs of men at home; and “OPEN UP” The Word of God, to Discover Just HOW Jesus Christ Showed Us, Told Us, and Taught Us - To Worship The Father, in Spirit and in TRUTH (John 4:22-26)!!! You and your children will be so very glad that you did!!!

Jesus Told His Followers that He would NEVER leave them, Nor forsake them (Hebrews 13:5 / Deuteronomy 31:6)!!! That means The Son of God NEVER abandoned His Church,
or left them to their own devices, so that they would have to figure things out for themselves! Jesus Personally Told us that He is The Sheppard of His church; He Says that He Personally Guides It and that His Sheep Follow Him, and that they Know His Voice (John 10:1-5). God does NOT change, neither does Jesus Christ (Malachi 3:6 / Hebrews 13:8); so we can Know with Absolute Certainty that Christ is Still Very Much In Control of EVERYTHING that His Church is Doing - right at this very moment (Matthew 28:18-20)!!

An All Powerful Jesus Christ would NEVER Allow His Body to decay, die, or even fragment into thousands of different flavors of Christianity over the last two millennia; and if Jesus Christ will not allow something to happen, then it has not happened! Christ’s Church then must still be Alive, Here on this earth, Ready for us to find; and still Doing what Jesus Called it to DO (1 Corinthians 1:1-31)!! www.onug.us

Before It’s Too Late!

One Day, YOU Will Have To Explain To God, WHY...

...YOU Ignored His Word, And Refused To Use Your Mind, Your Time, Your Eyes, And Your Ears To UNDERSTAND And Respond To His Calling!!

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The Apostle Paul “beseeches” us (or he asks us urgently, fervently; he begs and pleads with us) to walk worthy of our Vocation (our Profession) that God Called us Follow; but in UNITY in the bond of **Peace** (Ephesians 4:1-6).

In Paul’s epistle to the Colossians we see that we should be Giving Thanks to our Heavenly Father, because He has Made us able to Partake of the Inheritance of the Saints, in Light (coming up in The First Resurrection at The Return of Jesus!!! Daniel 12:2-3 / 1 John 3:1-3); and that God the Father has Delivered us from the power of Satan to deceive us, by Ordaining us as Heirs to The Kingdom of God (John 15:15-16), RIGHT NOW - while we are still in the flesh, by The Blood of Christ (Colossians 1:12-14)!!! This is a Powerful Concept, WHEN and IF we can **Gasp it, Understand it, and Grow in it!!!** www.onug.us
But we can ONLY walk worthy of our Calling, be Unified with The Father and The Son, have Deliverance from the deceiving power of Satan, ONLY IF we Recognize Jesus as “The Head of His Body, or His Church” (Colossians 1:15-20)!!!

You CANNOT profess to recognize Jesus as The Head of His Church; and then go out and preach, teach, and follow DIFFERENT DOCTRINES, other than Those Jesus PERSONALLY Taught (John 13:15-16)!!! It CANNOT be done in TRUTH (John 4:23-24, 17:17)!!!

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Never Worry Who Will Be Offended By Speaking God’s TRUTH (John 17:17); Worry About Who Will Be Misled, Deceived, & Destroyed If You Don’t (Matthew 7:13-14)!

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One church teaches the death of the body (dust to dust) until one of two resurrections, another does not! One church teaches baptism, another does not! One church keeps God’s original Sabbath, another does not! One church keeps God’s True Holy Days, another keeps man-made holidays instead (1 John 2:4-6)!!! You are either Following EXACTLY, The Example and The
Teachings of Jesus Christ (What did Jesus DO, SAY, and TEACH), or you are NOT (Luke 6:46 / Galatians 1:8-12 / 1 John 2:3-6)!!! www.onug.us

God is not the author of confusion!!!

70 YEARS OF 31 FLAVORS

In 2015, the Ice Cream vendor, Baskin Robbins, made a Big Deal about celebrating their 70th anniversary of making 31 different flavors of ice cream. They even have a bubble gum flavor of ice cream to appeal more to little children. God DOES NOT do the same thing with His Worship and with His Obedience!!! You cannot “Do Jesus Your Way!” We must grow up, and DO THINGS HIS WAY (Luke 6:46) – or WE ARE NOT COPYING CHRIST!!!

“Whom shall He (God) Teach Knowledge? And whom shall He make to Understand Doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts!!!”

“For Precept (or Concept) must be upon Precept, Precept upon Precept; Line (or Scripture) upon Line, Line upon Line; here a little, and there a little (Old Testament and New Testament)!!!” (Isaiah 28:9-10).

God doesn’t Teach “The Meat of The Word” to Spiritual babies in His Church!!! God allows them to mature for years, before they really start to get and comprehend, The
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My Ways Higher than your ways, and My Thoughts than your thoughts!!!” (Isaiah 55:9).

I have seen grown men, accomplished in the world, Called into God’s Church, only to see them leave after just a few years (still spiritual babies); because they couldn’t grasp God’s Concepts yet, and they wanted to fill in the gaps of “their” understanding of God’s Ways, with human reasoning and with secular wisdom. They wanted to inflict human standards and criteria on God’s Church or His Ministers, instead of adopting God’s Ways and God’s Scriptural Reasoning! Be Warned! When we don’t adopt God’s Culture in His Church, and don’t produce fruit on Christ’s Vine; The Father will ALWAYS cut us loose!!!

“I Am The True Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman (Vineyard Owner). Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He (God The Father) taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, He (God The Father) purgeth it (or prunes), that it may bring forth more fruit!!! Now ye are clean through The Word which I have spoken unto you!!! Abide in Me, and I in you! As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in The Vine; no more can ye, except ye Abide in Me!!! I Am The Vine, ye are the branches: He that Abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth Much Fruit: for without Me ye can do NOTHING!!! If a man Abide NOT in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned!!!” (John 15:1-6).

God ONLY Calls Sinners and the Detestable into His Church! Yes, this MEANS YOU!!! But then God Washes us Clean in The Blood of His Son; Gives us His Holy Spirit, and REQUIRES US TO CHANGE – TO BECOME MORE LIKE
CHRIST; AND LESS LIKE OURSELVES – DAY BY DAY, SABBATH BY SABBATH!!!

Those who refuse to change, those who refuse to grow in Grace and in The Knowledge of God, His Ways, His Plan; those who REFUSE to carry their cross and give up SELF; they will be DRIVEN BY GOD TO LEAVE HIS CHURCH, or they Will Be REMOVED By God Himself!!!

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Back To Basics In God’s Church: (the word “Church” of course meaning: Congregation / Assembly / Body of Christ – being translated from the Greek word “Ekklesia” 113 times out of the 116 times that we find the word “church” in our KJV Bibles).

When God Calls YOU to become part of Him, His Family, His Kingdom, His Government, and His Way; He will ALWAYS
FIRST Instruct us in WHAT we are DOING, and HOW we are To DO WHAT He Commands!

- He did that with Adam and Eve regularly in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:8).
- He did that with Enoch (Genesis 5:24).
- God did that with Noah (2 Peter 2:5).
- Jesus Taught and Directed Abraham (Genesis 18:19).
- He did it with Moses (Exodus 33:11).
- He STILL Requires that of us TODAY (1 John 2:3-6)!!

The Resurrected Jesus personally instructed the Apostle Paul, on the very same Mount Sinai that He Taught Moses on (Galatians 1:11-24, 4:25)!!! And Jesus WILL DO THE SAME to You and I, IF we Approach Him on His Terms (Zechariah 1:3 / Malachi 3:7 / Jeremiah 15:19-21).

So Just What Are Jesus Christ’s Terms, for YOU and I, to Join Him in His Church, today?

They are THE SAME TERMS as they were for the Hebrew Slaves, who desired to leave captivity, and harsh bondage in Egypt (Deuteronomy 6:1-15)!!

They are THE SAME TERMS, because neither God, nor Christ, will ever change WHO They Are, or WHAT They Expect from us (Hebrews 13:8 / Malachi 3:6-7)!!

God's Contract With YOU... Will YOU Accept The Terms Thereof?

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WHEN God’s TEACHES Us His Terms (Deuteronomy 6:1-5)!!! YOU and I Must:  

1) **KEEP** His Commandments, Statutes, and Judgements.  
2) **DO THEM** in the places WHERE YOU live or possess.  
3) **FEAR** The Lord and His Penalty for Disobedience.  
4) We **MUST KEEP** these **TERMS throughout our generations**; Teaching them to our descendants.  
5) Keeping These **TERMS WILL Prolong our lives** on earth.  
6) We **MUST Constantly Hear, Observe,** and **LEARN** These **TERMS,** in order to **INCREASE and grow Stronger.**  
7) Keeping These **TERMS WILL ENSURE** that our lands Stay Agriculturally Independent, Productive, and Bountiful.  
8) **REMEMBER** Our Father God is ONE (NOT THREE).  
9) We **MUST LOVE God** with ALL of our Heart, Body, and with ALL of our Strength).  
10) We **MUST Write** the above **Words on our hearts.**  
11) We **MUST Teach and Talk About These Terms,** to our children and throughout our days (morning, noon, and night).  
12) We **MUST THINK ABOUT** and **DO,** or Follow Through with these **TERMS in Thought and Action.**  
13) We **MUST Write and Post** These **TERMS throughout our homes, work places,** and throughout our society.

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**John 14:15**
Someone told me recently, that I don’t Love Christ, that I don’t know about Christ’s Love, and that I don’t speak about Christ’s Love!!!

This was all because they felt rebuked and convicted when I was Preaching about SIN, and it’s terrible consequences in our lives, and Before A Holy Righteous God!!! This person was upset with me because I would not stop CONDEMNING SIN for what it is - an affront against God (Galatians 1:1-12)!!! www.onug.us

Jesus Christ Says:

“As many as I LOVE, I Rebuke and Chasten: be Zealous therefore, and REPENT!!!” (Revelation 3:19).

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“For whom The Lord LOVETH He Chasteneth, and Scourgeth every Son whom He Receiveth!!” (Hebrews 12:6).

Grace is NOT a license to sin, people!!!

“Do we then make void The Law through faith? God Forbid!!! Yea, we Establish The Law!!!” (Romans 3:31).

Yes Jesus Loves Me!!!

I speak and write of Christ’s LOVE over 100 times a day, and I tell it to everyone I meet!!!

Jesus Christ Says in John 14:15

“If ye LOVE Me, Keep My Commandments!!!”

Jesus Christ Says again in John 14:21;

“He that hath My Commandments, and Keepeth Them, he it is that LOVETH Me: and he that LOVETH Me shall be LOVED of My Father, and I will LOVE him, and will Manifest Myself to him!!!”

DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

“And hereby we do know that we KNOW Him, if we Keep His Commandments!!! He that saith, ’I know Him (Jesus)’, and Keepeth NOT His Commandments, is a LIAR, and The TRUTH is NOT in him!!! But whoso Keepeth His Word, in him Verily is The LOVE of God Perfected!!! Hereby KNOW we that we are in Him!!!
He that saith he abideth in Him (Jesus) ought himself also so to walk, even as We Walked!!” (1 John 2:3-6).

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DO YOU LOVE JESUS?

“And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and Do NOT the Things which I Say? Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My Sayings, and DOETH Them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a Rock (The Giant, Massive Boulder of Christ): and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a Rock!!! But he that heareth, and doeth NOT, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great!!” (Luke 6:46-49).

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Loving Jesus Christ is Copying Jesus Christ in EVERYTHING Jesus DID, SAID, and TAUGHT us to DO!!!

What Did Jesus Do (W.D.J. D.)?

If YOU LOVE God and His Son Jesus - with ALL your heart, soul, and strength; Copy Christ - and then TEACH the world to DO The Same (Matthew 28:18-20)!!!

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YES!!! I LOVE JESUS; and JESUS LOVES ME!!! How About You?

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In the Last Days, Jesus Says: www.onug.us

“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for my Name’s Sake! And then shall Many be offended, and shall Betray one another, and shall Hate one another. And Many false prophets shall rise, and shall Deceive Many!!! And Because iniquity (lawlessness or sin) shall abound, The LOVE (of God, or The OBEDIENCE To God) of MANY shall wax COLD!!! (Matthew 24:9-12).

And HERE WE ARE IN 2020!!! www.onug.us

“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist (the man of perdition) shall come, even now are there many antichrists (those who insist on doing things their way and NOT Christ’s Way); whereby we know that it is the last time (or we are living in the Last Days before the Return of Christ). They went out from us, but they were NOT of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us!!! But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things! I have not written unto you because ye know not The Truth, but because ye KNOW IT, and that no lie is of The Truth!!! (1 John 2:18-21).
The Church of God, is where The High Priest of God (Jesus The Christ), Calls and Teaches Sinners to also become Kings and Priests of God, starting at The First Resurrection; at The Return of Jesus Christ to This Earth (Revelation 5:10, 20:6)!!!

A Priest of God MUST first LEARN to Worship God The Father, in Spirit and in Truth, just as Jesus Did; so that he can then TEACH OTHERS TO CORRECTLY WORSHIP THE
FATHER DURING THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH!!!

A Teacher (or Apostle) of God’s Ways must first be a Student (or a Disciple), under Christ; of God’s Ways (John 13:15-17/ 1 John 2:3-6 / Luke 6:46)! A King who is Appointed to Rule under Christ, must first Learn to Submit to Christ’s TEACHING AUTHORITY!!!

SABBATH:
"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls!"
(Matthew 11:29)

Do YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND The Distinct Honor It Is, To Be Called Into God’s True Church?

Do YOU Understand that The Church, and God’s Sabbaths, are designed to Fashion YOU, and Teach YOU, HOW To Become A God Family Member With AUTHORITY in the World To Come! God’s Church exists NOW TO Train The Ruling World Government of The Kingdom of God, WHEN it Comes to this very Earth, at the Return of Jesus Christ!!!
YOU And I HAVE Been Selected By God The Father, And By Jesus Christ; To Be Kings, Priests, and Pillars In God’s Dwelling Place - When It Comes To The Earth!!!

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Our Inheritance FROM GOD!!!

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“And no man taketh this Honour unto himself, but (or except for) he that is Called of God, as was Aaron!!!

So also Christ Glorified not Himself to be made an High Priest; but He that said unto Him, ‘Thou Art My Son, today have I Begotten Thee!!!’”
“As He saith also in another place, ‘Thou Art A Priest For Ever After The Order Of Melchisedec!!!’

Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to Save Him from death, and was heard in that He Feared; Though He were a Son, yet learned He Obedience by the things which He suffered!!! And being made Perfect, He became The Author of Eternal Salvation unto ALL them that OBEY Him; Called of God An High Priest After The Order Of Melchisedec!!!”

A Warning Against Drifting Away!!!

“Of Whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing!!! For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one Teach you again which be The First Principles of The Oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat! For every one that useth milk is unskilful in The Word of Righteousness: for he is a babe!!! But Strong Meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil!!!” (Hebrews 5:4-14).

Unlike Burger King, God DOES NOT Allow Us To Have It "YOUR WAY", "My Way", Or "Our Way"!!!

Jesus Christ Came To Show Us He Is The ONLY WAY To God!!!

"I AM The Way, The Truth, And The Life: NO MAN Cometh Unto The Father, BUT BY ME!!!"

- Jesus Christ in John 14:6
You CANNOT Have It “Your Way” In God’s Church!

This is a rather unbelievable concept to many in today’s “Modern Churchianity”, because society, religion, and Satan have conditioned us to have ANYTHING and EVERYTHING, WHENEVER WE WANT IT – OUR WAY!!!

Go into any Ford Car Dealership today; and you can order almost any model car or truck, in almost any color! Imagine Ford only selling black cars and trucks today! Insane right?
Well, Not Really! Henry Ford at one time, ONLY offered customers the option of Black!!! He was very much like Jesus Christ has ALWAYS BEEN!

In The Church of God, YOU can ONLY Have It, Do It, Jesus Christ’s Way – or You Don’t Get It!!!

Jesus Tells Us PLAINLY And With AUTHORITY:

“Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into The Kingdom of Heaven; but he that DOETH The Will of My Father which is in Heaven! Many will say to Me in That Day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works?’ And then will I Profess unto them, ‘I Never Knew YOU: Depart from Me, ye that work Iniquity (Lawlessness)!!!”
“Therefore whosoever Heareth these Sayings of Mine, and Doeth Them, I will liken him unto a Wise man, which built his house upon a Rock (Christ): And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell NOT: for it was founded upon a Rock (Christ). And everyone that heareth These Sayings of Mine, and Doeth Them NOT, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand (the world’s way): And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it FELL: and GREAT was the FALL of it!!”

“And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended These Sayings, the people were astonished at His Doctrine: For He Taught them as One having Authority, and NOT as the scribes (or bible teachers)!!!” (Matthew 7:21-29).

Stay Obedient To Christ, And Stay On Track!!!

God WILL keep His Church on track (1 Corinthians 14:33)! This same God, who does NOT change, will also NOT accept people
worshipping HIM in man-made churches, with man-made religions (Matthew 15:7-9 / Mark 7:7-13 / Isaiah 29:13)!!!

The Real Jesus Christ Calls His Church to Hear, Listen, and Understand what God The Father is Saying to us!!! (Matthew 13:11-16, 15:10 / Colossians 2:19-22 / 1 John 2:1-17).

But The Real Jesus Christ also Said there would be many religious imposters that would come in His Name, in the latter days; and lead Many, or the Majority, away from The Truth!!! (1 John 2:18-29 / Matthew 7:15-29, 24:3-5, 11-14,23-25 / Mark 13:3-6,9-13 / Luke 21:7-8,12-19 / Acts 20:28-32 / 2 Corinthians 11:12-15 / Galatians 1:8 / 2 Timothy 3:1-17 / Deuteronomy 12:1-4, 28-32).

So, to summarize; if God is NOT the author of confusion, but Satan is... If God does NOT accept vain and useless, man-made or pagan practices, as forms of worship; but ONLY those who Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, and who Carefully (or Diligently) Observe and DO What He Commands... If God Says that MOST, Many, the Majority of “Christians” will have it WRONG in the end times... then we had better go back, and LOOK at Scripture - a lot more carefully, in order to FIND OUT Everything We Can, about The Church that Jesus Built (Matthew 16:18-19)!!!

Back To Basics And The Bible: www.onug.us

When Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "...And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my church", the Greek word ekklesia was used. This word "ekklesia," is used 113 times in the New Testament, with most bibles translating is as "church". Even in the Septauginta (LXXII) the word, sometimes spelled “ecclesia” is used synonymous with “Synagogue”. Only in Acts 19:32, 39, 41, do we see the word translated as "assembly", which is far more proper. Ekklesia means an assembly, a congregation, a group, even a mob – with no purpose of why the group is assembled being ascribed to the word (see John 18:38-40). For most of the early New Testament
Church, they understood clearly that God’s church in the Old Testament was the Nation of Israel; and that now in the New Testament, God’s Church was the Body of Believers, Baptized with God’s Holy Spirit, and Obedient to the Words and Deeds of Christ Himself (Hosea 4:6)! We must learn to know WHO The “Church” really is today, as Christ Himself defines it (Matthew 7:21-23)!!!

The first complete English language bible was the Tyndale bible, published around 1524. That bible did not use the word "church" anywhere in its pages, instead using the word "congregation." In subsequent editions and translations of the bible, we can see a trend developing of replacing assembly or congregation words with the word "church." Church is an old English or German word; Swedish uses the word, “kyrka” (pronounced “Sher-kah” in English). Here we can see the “Sher” sound evolving into the “Chur” sound we use today in modern English. The historical meaning of “Church” in ancient German, Swedish, or very old English, was just “a building”, and not even one used for any particular purpose either! By changing the word, assembly or congregation, to the word church, the way was set to change their meanings - and our understanding, and our beliefs!

**Words are very important according to The Word of God. One of the responsibilities of ALL Followers of Jesus Christ is to Diligently look at The “Words” which describe His Body (Deuteronomy 8:3 / Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4 / 12:36-37 / Proverbs 6:2, 30:5-6).**

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There are many Churches out there; the Church of Wicka, the Church of Humanity, the Church of Satan..., you name it, and there is a Church for it! Today, many night clubs and bars are like Churches; people go there to worship the bottles, alcohol, drugs, whoredom, and fellowship with many ungodly things! They play music that praises Satan, death, sex, violence, and the things of the flesh - because they love the creation more than their Creator (Romans 1:25). I remember a newspaper advertisement I saw several years ago; it was promoting big, wide screen television sets. The ad said, “Football is a religion! Worship at a new altar!”
How true that ad was, and still is today; but we can just as easily include racing, golf, rock and roll, and pornography into the categories of “Home Worship” that many have created both public and private altars with which to worship THEIR gods!!!

When man changed God’s Assembly, His Congregations (John 10:1-16) into churches, MAN took control and jurisdiction away from CHRIST! That’s why churches don’t resemble Christ’s Sheep, His Fold; and that is precisely why the State and the government have received jurisdiction over the “churches” today! We must carefully discern, and differentiate because CHRIST’S EKKLESIA IS NOT THE CHURCHES YOU SEE IN THE WORLD TODAY!

We REMEMBER The Fourth Commandment, Every Sabbath, Just Like Jesus Did, Said, and Taught Us To DO (Exodus 20:8-11 / Hebrews 4:1-11 / 1 John 2:3-6)!

How About YOU (Matthew 4:4 / Luke 6:46)?
Satan has convinced Billions, that his “Perverted Grace” to break, abolish, and to FORGET God’s Sabbaths; is really FREEDOM!!! But it is NOT – That is a LIE! Forgetting The Forth Commandment, is HOW Satan took people AWAY from A DAY BLESSED BY GOD, where God ALWAYS Taught His People; to the sun god day, or any OTHER day, where Stan was free to again ENSLAVE the ignorant masses!!

Most dictionaries define the word “Church”, as "a PLACE of worship of ANY RELIGION, as a Jewish or a heathen temple.” When people in the world say "Church," they are thinking of a building or a structure, which as we showed you earlier is actually the original meaning of Church. Many ask me, “Where do you go to church?” Today we associate both where we meet, and the Body of Christ, with the word “church”.

The Bible tells us that God does NOT dwell in temples made by hands (Acts 17:24, 48 / 2 Corinthians 5:1 / Hebrews 9:24). Man
and his ways have jurisdiction over the churches, because man and his ways have created them! God and His Ways have jurisdiction over the Body of Christ, its many thousands of small assemblies throughout the world (Revelation 5:9-10, 7:9-10, 14:6), because God the Father and Jesus the Christ have made them!!!

God NEVER leaves His Church (Matthew 28:20 / Mark 16:20) and God will REMOVE the Disobedient from His Church; those who will NOT yield to His Gospel, His Word, His Spirit and His Authority (1 John 2:18-29)!!!

In Vincent’s Word Studies, we see Vincent commenting on 1 Corinthians 11:18, "For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it." Concerning the phrase "in the church," he says, "not the Church edifice, a meaning which the word NEVER has in the New Testament and which appears first in patristic writings."

These "patristic writings" would be the “Church fathers” after the apostles and Christ. So that's where the word "church" popped up, and it's not in the Word of God, so obviously it's a creation of man. In 325 AD, "The Church" joined the State under Constantine, and it was carried through the Reformation. The Reformers, were all involved in civil government, such as John Calvin who set up the civil government in Geneva. The pope was the head of the Catholic Church and he was kicked out of England, and King Henry VIII took jurisdiction over the Church.

When the King James version was finished, it was very important for them to retain the word "church" because they (human kings) had jurisdiction over it! King James made fifteen specific edicts, as far as the translation went, and one of those edicts (edict number three) stated that this bible was to retain the word "church" in the translation and it was not to be replaced with the word "congregation." That was his specific edict!!! Why? Because the human king had no jurisdiction over the congregation (people), but he did, and still does over the church (physical buildings). King James never wanted the word "assembly"
associated with the original meaning of the Old Testament which meant "congregation." He obviously knew the correct translation, but didn't want it in there, as to muck up his control over "the church"!!! Let's look at a great example: Hebrews 2:12, quotes the Old Testament Psalms 22:22, word for word! The word "congregation" in the Greek is "ekklesia." But since King James forbade replacing this Greek word with "congregation" (the true interpretation), it was replaced with a word which has a totally different meaning:

"I will Declare Thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of The Congregation will I Praise Thee!!" (Psalm 22:22).

"Saying, I will Declare Thy Name unto my brethren, in the midst of The Church will I sing Praise unto Thee" (Hebrews 2:12).

And when we see what Vincent said about Patristic writings, we can see that "from the beginning it was not so," and it is a tradition of the elders that the word "church" has been retained. When you look in all of the word studies on the word "church", they have put "the assembly," as though they were one and the same; but they are not!

When you go to their own definitions, such as Elwell’s Evangelical Dictionary, it says the English word church "derives from the late Greek word kurioton, which means "the lord's house," a Church building. In the King James New Testament, the word translates from the Greek word ekklesia”. This is NOT true! Notice they say "Church" is from a "late Greek word," so it's not a word that's used in the original Koine Greek, it's a modern word!!! BEWARE OF BIBLE TRANSLATIONS (PERVERSIONS) WITH THE WORD "NEW" OR "REVISED" IN THEIR TITLES (Deuteronomy 12:32 [The Beginning of the Bible / Revelation 22:18-20 [The end of the Bible] / Revelation 1:8, 11)!!! Jesus IS The WORD of God (John 1:14) and when you change the Word of God or the Bible, YOU Change Christ!!! That CANNOT HAPPEN (Malachi 3:6 / Hebrews..."
13:8)!!! Churches that change the Word of God ARE NOT The Churches of God (Luke 6:46)!!!

Also, kurioton, means "the lord's house." In the Old Testament, the phrase "the lord's house" is used three times, and it has to do with a SECULAR LORD every time (Genesis 40:7; 44:8, Isaiah 22:18)!!! So, who is the lord we're talking about? The secular lord always had jurisdiction over the Church because it was their realm to begin with (Daniel 2:21 / Psalm 75:7)! Human kings and human authority should bend a knee and yield authority to the God Who Gave Them THAT authority (Psalm 119:172-176)!!!

All this should really change your view of “Pulpit Freedom Sunday”!!!

A State Church is a Church that is recognized by the State, serves the State, provides revenue for the State, and serves a public purpose that is not contrary to established public policy. State Churches are registered with the State, with tax identification numbers. State Churches are producers of revenue for the State by paying taxes to assure the alleged solvency of the tax system. Taxable organizations are answerable to the government, open to the inspection and dictates of the government. State Churches are agents of the State by confiscating and remitting to the State taxes that the State has ordered the Church to confiscate. State Churches are servants of the State by keeping records for and remitting records to the State. Most Churches today, whether incorporated or not, are State Churches (Who is running human governments today? God or Satan? Isn’t Christ Returning SOON to Replace ALL human governments? So a State Church is NOT God’s Church!!!). Now that really is something to think Long and Hard about!!!

Acts 7:44-52 is what Stephen Preached, just before being stoned to death. He said that God "dwelleth not in temples made with hands" (Acts 7:48). In other words, God does not dwell in "Churches" or any other buildings, our body is now The Temple of God, and The Spirit of God Dwells

We should not localize God (Acts 7:49 / 1 Kings 8:27)!!!

The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service, in the United States; has available to the public Publication 1828, entitled "Tax Guide for Churches and Other Religious Organizations." The following excerpts are from page three of this publication. In this publication, it explains why and how the IRS acquires jurisdiction over Churches, whether they are incorporated or not.

Church: The term "church" is not specifically defined in the Internal Revenue Code. However, because special tax rules apply to churches, it is important to distinguish churches from other religious organizations.

Christ did not start a "religious organization." He did not start a religion. There is only one religion that His followers are to engage in. James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." What Christ taught was from the "beginning," it did not start 2,000 years ago!!! He IS The Alpha and The Omega; and He DOES NOT Change!!!

Do You Attend A Church, A Synagogue, Or A Religiously Based Social Club (Exodus 12:16)?

One rather large church, in my community, doesn’t seem to see anything wrong with all the many different flavors of Christianity out there; just so long as you “believe” and are “faithful” to Jesus
Christ, however you choose to individually define those two terms. This is what they say on their web site:

“About the Church: The church is composed of sincere believers and faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. It expresses itself both universally and locally. All Christians around the world throughout the history of time compose the church universal. The local church is a contemporary community expression of this larger body. It gathers regularly for worship, instruction, fellowship and service. Every believer is uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit helping the local church act as one body, representing Jesus Christ on earth. Acts 2:41-47; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:4-6; Hebrews 10:25”. Do these scriptures really say that God will accept everyone who worships Him, sincerely and faithfully, throughout the history of time; or that we are all part of the body of Christ, the billions upon billions who compose the great church universal?

**The Church (Congregation / Assembly or Ekklesia) That Christ Built:**

- The church is **The Body of Christ** (Colossians 1:18)
- The church is **The Bride of Christ** (Ephesians 5:22-27)
- The church is **The Family of God** (1 Timothy 3:15)
- The church is **The Pillar and Ground of Truth** (1 Timothy 3:15)

**Jesus Built His Church (Congregation / Assembly or Ekklesia); Never any Man! (Matthew 16:18):**

- Jesus **Purchased** The Church **with His Blood** (Acts 20:28)
- Jesus **is The Head** of The Church (Colossians 1:18)
- The Church **is His Body** (Colossians 1:18)
When The Church (Congregation / Assembly or Ekklesia) of God began:

- It was promised in the last days of Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-4). Jerusalem was totally destroyed in 70 A.D.

- The church was near in John’s day (Matthew 3:1-2)

- Jesus told His disciples that they should not taste of death until they would see the Kingdom of God come with power (Mark 9:1)

- They were told that they would receive that power when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:8)

- All these things came to pass on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-47)

This Is How God Describes His Church (Congregation / Assembly or Ekklesia):

- The Church of the Lord (Acts 20:28)

- The Church of God (1 Corinthians 1:1-2)

- The Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12)

- The Church of Christ (Romans 16:16)

- As Kings and Priests (Revelation 5:10, 20:6)

- A Chosen Generation, A Royal Priesthood (1 Peter 2:9-10)

What God Offers Us Through His Church (Congregation / Assembly or Ekklesia):

- Forgiveness of sins is in the Church (Ephesians 1:1-2, 4-7)

- Salvation is in the Church (2 Timothy 2:10-19)

- Redemption is in the Church (Colossians 1:1-14)

- All spiritual blessings are in the Church (Ephesians 1:3)

- The saved are in the Church (Acts 2:47)
How The Church (Congregation / Assembly or Ekklesia) Worships God:

- The Church **Sings** (Ephesians 5:19 / Colossians 3:16)
- The Church **Prays** (I Thessalonians 5:17 / Luke 18:1)
- The Church **Gives** (I Corinthians 16:1, 2 / Acts 20:35)
- The Church **Teaches** (2 Timothy 2:2 / Acts 20:7)
- The Church **Obeys God** (Exodus 31:13-17 / Leviticus 23:1-44)
- The Church **Follows Christ’s Example** (Luke 6:46 / Malachi 1:6 / Matthew 7:21 / James 1:22 / Revelation 3:5-6, 10-13, 22:14)!!

Are You “Called Out” of the world - or “Called In” to a building each week; or maybe both? Those whom God calls know what the Body of Christ is – and what it is not! They learn to follow Christ’s instructions and personal example (John 13:15-17), and do what Jesus physically, in the flesh, commanded His Disciples and His Church to do! They start by getting into The Word, then into God’s Truth - and actually observe the seven annual Biblical Feasts – so the pattern of God’s overall Plan for mankind becomes very clear! The church must understand The Will of God and His Plan to save this world – it is not a mystery to those God calls (Matthew 13:11-17 / John 15:15-16)! Those who reject God’s Feast days (which, unfortunately, is most of modern “Christianity”) will struggle to understand the purpose of human life, and God’s timetable of Salvation for the whole human race (Psalm 111:10). Modern Christianity has not only rejected God’s Holy Days; they have now for the most part substituted man-made, and even worse, “pagan” holidays for the things of God (Isaiah 5:20-21, 23-24 / Deuteronomy 12:28-32). Satan has deceived the WHOLE world about the Truth of God (Revelation 12:9)!
This is precisely why, in America today, we have over 300,000 different churches, 217 different Christian denominations; all teaching, believing, and doing different things (Matthew 5:17-20)! **They are not, and cannot be, aligned with the very specific personal actions, and the Very Powerful Words of our Savior:** “Jesus Saith unto him, I am The WAY, The TRUTH, and The LIFE: no man cometh unto The Father, But BY Me!!!” (John 14:6). Most who profess Christ as their Savior today, have LOST The Knowledge of God’s Plan for this world and humanity, when they STOPPED Observing God’s Commanded Holy Days (John 14:21 / Deuteronomy 5:29 / Psalm 111:10)!  
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“My people are destroyed for lack of Knowledge: because thou hast Rejected Knowledge, I will also REJECT thee, that thou shalt be NO Priest to me: seeing thou hast Forgotten The Law of thy God, I will also FORGET thy children!!!” (Hosea 4:6).
Where is The Church (Congregation / Assembly or Ekklesia) That Jesus Built? Does It Still Exist In The World Today?

Yes, it still exists; and it is right here!!! Today, you were part of The Fellowship of The Body of Christ (Acts 2:41-42, 44-47). You have been Called into one of The Folds of God’s Flock (John 10:16)!!! Can you HEAR The Sheppard’s Voice (Matthew 19:21 / Luke 18:22 / Mark 10:21)?

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I can HEAR The LORD’S Voice, and I am going to FOLLOW His Instructions! I hope you can Hear Him, and will decide to Follow Him too!!! I LOVE God, and I Will Obey God – Just Like – EXACTLY LIKE, Jesus Christ Showed us HOW TO!!! Won’t YOU?

We hope YOU will follow along with us over the next few Sabbaths, and begin to LEARN More about God’s Church, and The Holy Days that Jesus Christ PERSONALLY Taught His Followers to Keep and Observe THROUGHOUT TIME!!!

The First Century Church of God is still alive and well; and we are still about our Father’s Business! We would like to Thank You for joining One Nation Under God Ministries (www.onug.us) today in the Study of God’s Word, and hope that you will continue on with us next week, and that you will continue to share what you have learned here, with others – at home, at work, and in your neighborhood (Matthew 28:18-20 / Mark 16:15-20)! May our Great God, Bless you and keep you, until then – in Jesus’ Mighty Name!!! - Submitted by Pastor R.C. Brown III

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Christians must learn to read the Bible, interpret the scriptures according to Biblical principles (Isaiah 28:10, 13), and begin to apply the precepts they learn in their walk with God. Individual study is essential; coupled with fellowship times of group study, worship, and discussions of personal insights and observations.

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