## Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church?

The Principle of Submission Seeking To Establish Scriptural Permission For All We Believe, Teach & Practice

## Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? A Biblical Understanding of The Church Jesus Built

"CHURCH" In The Iniversal Sense A Denomination is smaller than the universal church, but larger than the local church. Such is not found in the New Testament

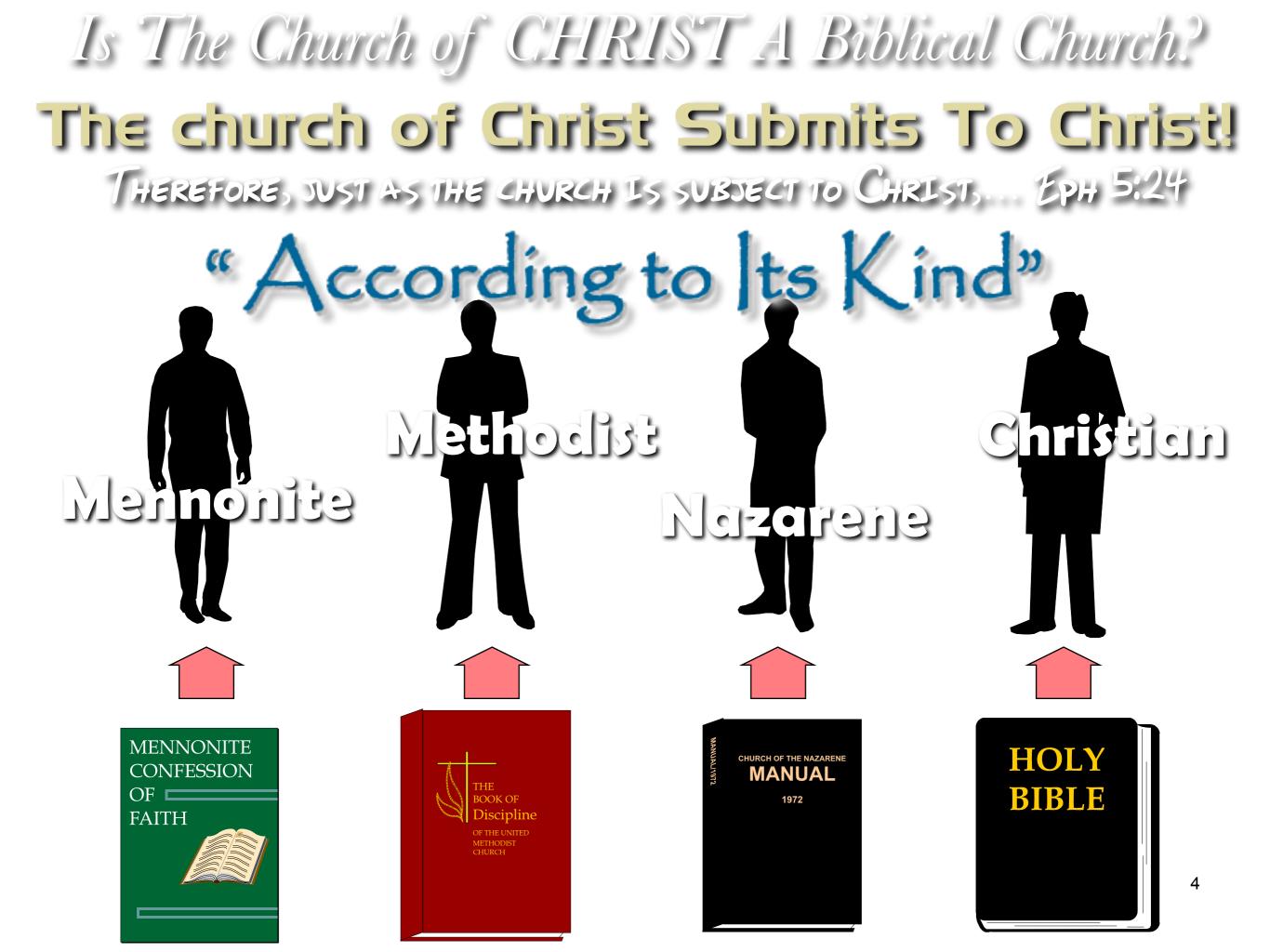
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> "I don't think it makes any difference what CHURCH you join!"

"You have to be a member of "MY" denomination in order to go to heaven!!"

The Bible Doesn't Teach Me to Be A Member of One "KIND" of Church And You Another!!

The Lord added daily to the church those who were being saved – Acts 2:47



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> Ask Jesus to come into your heart . . . Say the sinners prayer!

There is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING you can do to be saved!

The Bible Doesn't Teach Me to Be Saved One Way And You Another Believe, repent, confess, and be baptized into Christ – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9;

Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:11-13

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The church of Christ Are Those In Christ! FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST. - GAL 3:27

"The idea that a person could receive Christ as Savior and not be baptized was completely foreign to the early church."

Examples	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized
Pentecost – 2:14-41	Implied	<b>√</b> 37,38	Implied	<b>√</b> 38,41
Samaria – 8:5-13	<b>√</b> 12	Implied	Implied	<ul><li>✓ 12,13</li></ul>
Eunuch – 8:35-39	<b>√</b> 36,37	Implied	<b>√</b> 37	<b>√</b> 38
Saul – 9,22,26	Implied	Implied	Implied	<ul><li>✓ 22:16</li></ul>
Cornelius - 10:34-48	<b>√</b> 43	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 48
Lydia – 16:13-15	<b>√</b> 14	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 15
Jailor – 16:30-34	<b>√</b> 31	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 33
Corinthians - 18:8	√8	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 8
Ephesians - 19:3-5	Implied	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 5



One "minor" issue is the Church of Christ policy of not allowing musical instruments in their church services. While we entirely agree that a church is well within the freedom God gives to not use musical instruments in worship, the problem is that some within the Church of Christ are fanatically against musical instruments. Some are fanatical to the point of declaring any church that uses musical instruments as not being a true, biblical, or godly church. Such dogmatism on a clearly non-essential issue is often the mark of a cult, not the mark of a good biblical church.

http://www.gotquestions.org/Church-of-Christ.html

> Walking By Faith .... 2 Corinthians 5:7 ebrews : James 2:14-26

Matthew 21:25-26

From Heaven Mt. 2I:23-27 I John 4:4-6 Gal. I:6-9 Col. 2:6-10 2 Thess. 2:15 Doly Two Possible Sources

From Men Mt. 15:I-9 I Cor. 4:6 Gal. I:IO-I7 Col. 2:8 2 Thess. 2:2-4

From Heaven or Men?

## WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION?



Your Parents (Mt. 10:21, 34-37)

- Your Conscience (Acts 23:1; 24:16; 26:9-11)
- **The Majority** (Mt. 7:13-14; 1 John 5:19)
- **Religious Leaders** (2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Pet. 2:1-3)
- Human Creeds & Traditions (Mt. 15:1-9; Col. 2:8, 18-23; 2 Thes 2:15)

**Personal Desire** (Pr. 14:12; 16:25; Jer. 10:23)

- **Emotions & Feelings** (Pr. 28:26; Jer. 17:9)
- The Good End (Rom. 3:8)
- The Word of God?? (Rom. 10:17; 1 Thes 2:13)

### WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION?

## THE BIBLE IS ENOUGH 2 Timothy 3:15-17

### 2 TIMOTHY 3:16,17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

IS THERE A PATTERN TO TO FOLLOW? Z Timothy 3:15-17

- The Inspired Pattern (2 Tim. 1:13; 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)
- **The Complete Pattern -** (Jn. 14:26; 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:10-13; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3)
- **The Final Pattern -** (Gal 1:6-9; 1 Pet. 1:24-25; Jude 3)
- **The Understandable Pattern -**(Eph. 3:3-5; 5:17; 2 Tim. 3:15)
- **The Unalterable Pattern -** (Gal. 1:6-10; 2 Jn. 9-11; Rev. 22:18-19)
- The Saving Pattern (Rom. 1:16-17; Jas. 1:21-25; 1 Pet. 1:22-25)
  The Uniting Pattern (John 17:10,21)

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THE TOTALITY OF INFORMATION REVEALED REGARDING ANY ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FORMS THE PATTERN FOR THAT ACT!  $P_{s}$ ]]9:]60 2 Timothy 1:13; 2 Peter 1:3

> Most religious divisions arise, not from what the Bible says, but out of what the Bible does not say.

Two extreme positions regarding the silence of scriptures:

All that is done must be authorized by God´s word - Silence is permissive and that we are free to do whatever we desire if God has not specifically condemned it.

Silence is prohibitive and that we are to do only what God has commanded.

### **Does God's Silence Grant Permission?**

"Whatever is not against scripture is for scripture, and scripture for it"

Martin Luther 1483-1546 "What the Bible does not command we may not do,"

Ulrich Zwingli – 1484-1531

[Handbook of Denominations, pg. 132]

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The Principle of Submission SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE **Does God's Silence Grant Permission?** 1 PETER 4:11 (NKJV) <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The Principle of Submission SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE God's Silence To Be Respected! ✓ Cain – (Gen. 4:7) – Heb 11:4 **Deut 4:2:** Nadab and Abihu – (Lev. 10:1,2) 12:32; Joshua I:7;  $\rightarrow$  Moses – (Num 20:8-24) Proverbs **King Saul** – (1 Sam. 13 & 15) 30:6 2 Cor. 5:7 → David's ox cart – (1 Chr. 13:7-12; 15:2) I Cor. 4:6 → Jeroboam - (1 Kings 12:25-33) Gal. I:6-9 **Rev 22:18,19** → Uzziah – (2 Chr. 26:16-23)

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The Principle of Submission SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE No Such Command - Acts 15:6-24 James appealed to direct statements. vs. 14-19 Paul referenced how God exemplified His will. v. 12 Peter argued by the implications of what God did. vs. 7-II Faith not based on God's silence: "to whom we gave no such commandment." v. 24

## Of which Moses Spoke Nothing

#### HEBREWS 7:11-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. <sup>13</sup> For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. <sup>14</sup> For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

ALL OTHER TRIBES

EXCLUDED BY SILENCE.

#### THE LAW SPECIFIED THE TRIBE OF "LEVI"

## God's Silence To Be Respected!

We cannot know the mind of God except through revelation 1 Cor 2:10, 11,14 Eph 3:3-5 Isaiah 55:8,9



God has revealed everything that He wants from us – 2 Pet 1:3; 2 Tim 3:16,17 Jude 3

WALKING BY FAITH MEANS WALKING BY WHAT GOD HAS SAID 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The Principle of Submission SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE Things That Cannot Be Done By Faith Sprinkling in place of immersion -Baptizing / sprinkling babies Saying the sinners prayer for salvation -Asking Jesus to come into your heart and save you -Teaching salvation by faith alone i.e., at the point of faith before & without being baptized -

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The Principle of Submission SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE Things That Cannot Be Done By Faith Peanut butter on the bread -Piano / Orchestras / rock bands -Pagan holiday observances -Political / secular speeches-Fund raising campaigns -Social programs -Recreational activities -Entertainment centers . . . . Etc.



### Salvation by grace through faith

Luke 8:ll; Rom. IO:l7 John 8:24; Heb II:6 Luke I3:3,5; Acts I7:30 Mat. IO:32,33; Rom IO:9 Acts 2:38; I Pet 3:2I

## Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The church of Christ Are Those In Christ!

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<sup>22</sup> Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren. <sup>23</sup> They wrote this, letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.

<sup>24</sup> Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law" to whom we gave no such commandment -<sup>25</sup> it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

<sup>26</sup> men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>27</sup> We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth.<sup>28</sup> For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

<sup>29</sup> that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell. <sup>30</sup> So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.