



*Is The Church of
CHRIST A
Biblical Church?*

**The
Principle of
Submission**

*“How To Establish
Faith”*

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A Biblical Understanding of The Church Jesus Built



“CHURCH”
In The
Universal
Sense

A Denomination
is smaller than
the universal
church, but larger
than the local
church. **Such is
not found in the
New Testament**



“CHURCH”
In The
LOCAL
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The church of Christ Submits To Christ!

THEREFORE, JUST AS THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT TO CHRIST,... EPH 5:24

“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!!

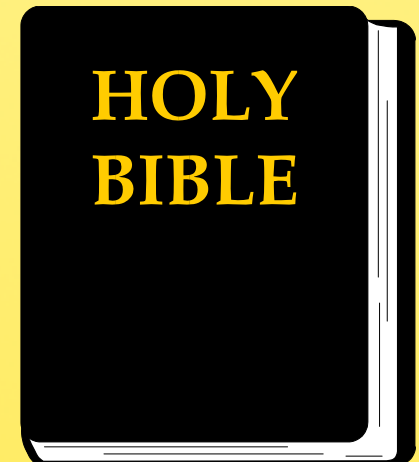
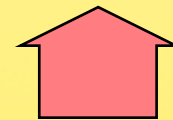
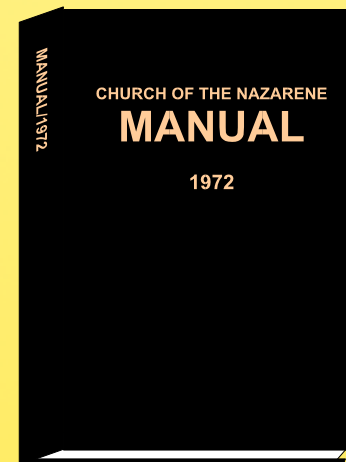
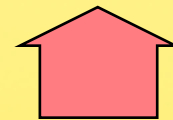
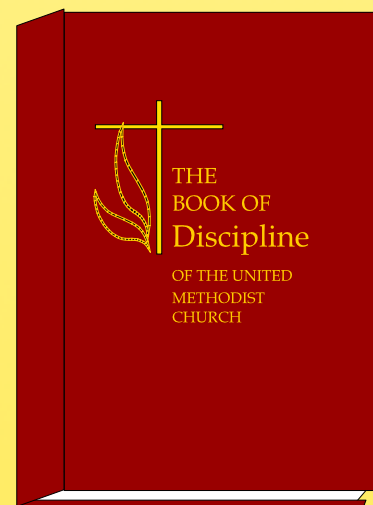
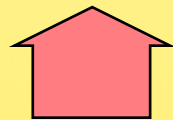
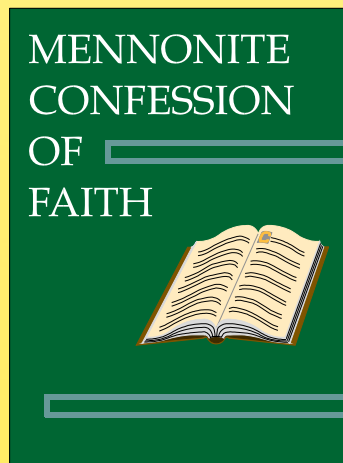
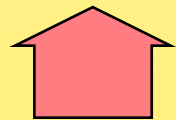
.. The Lord added daily to the church those who were being saved – Acts 2:47

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“According to Its Kind”



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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**

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SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE

Does God's Silence Grant Permission?

1 PETER 4:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ 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.

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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

**Faith
comes
by
hearing**

ROMANS 10:17

**God has
revealed
everything He
wants us to
know & do –**

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

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¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." - **Romans 1:17 (NKJV)**

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¹⁷ “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” - **Romans 10:17 (NKJV)**

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²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.” - **James 1:21 (NKJV)**

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Matthew 21:25-26



From Heaven

Mt. 21:23-27

1 John 4:4-6

Gal. 1:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

**Only Two
Possible
Sources**

From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

1 Cor. 4:6

Gal. 1:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

From Heaven or Men?

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THE COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

- ◆ Sufficiently Instructs - 2 Tim 3:16,17
- ◆ Cannot Be Transgressed – 2 John 9
- ◆ The totality of information revealed regarding any act of righteousness forms the pattern for that act – 2 Tim 1:13; 3:16,17; 2 Pet 1:3;
- ◆ Understandable – Eph 3:3-5

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1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-13 (NKJV)

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- ✦ The compilation of all references to the subject under consideration, including direct statements, approved actions, and necessary implications.
- ✦ When all the evidence is compiled and sifted through using the laws of communication, including contextual considerations, then the true meaning and the current application can be arrived at.

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HOW TO UNDERSTAND:

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- ◆ Biography's -
- ◆ Novels -
- ◆ Rules of a game -
- ◆ Establishing Legal precedent -
- ◆ Blue Prints in Construction -
- ◆ Text Books -



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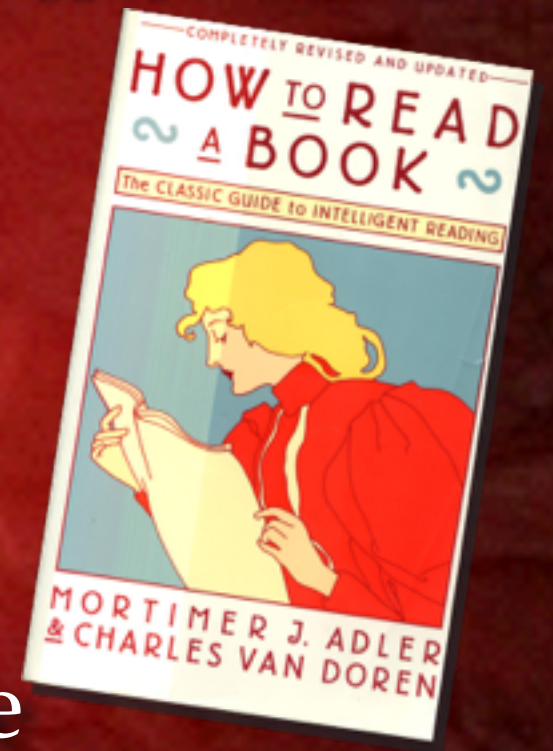
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“The reader who comes to terms with an author and grasps his propositions and reasoning shares the author’s mind. In fact, the whole process of interpretation is directed toward a meeting of minds through the medium of language.” (*How To Read A Book*; Adler & Van Doren, Pg 153)



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- ✦ Direct Command or Statement.
(Must Examine Context)
- ✦ Approved Apostolic Example.
*(Observation of Approved Activity of
first Century Christians).*
- ✦ Necessary Implication. *(a logical
and unavoidable conclusion drawn
from statements or propositions).*

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- ✦ Baptism – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ✦ There is but one body, one faith – Ep. 4:4,5
- ✦ Women to keep silent in the church – 1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:11,12
- ✦ Common meals a work of the home - 1 Cor 11:22,34

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HOW TO UNDERSTAND:

**Don't think that if
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in nothing but
direct
statements or
commands that
unity would exist**

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- ✦ Fellowship halls (recreation and entertainment halls)? 1 Cor 11:22,34

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**1 Corinthians 11:1
(NKJV)**

¹ Imitate me, just as
I also *imitate* Christ.

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Philippians 3:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

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Philippians 4:9 (NKJV)

⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

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**Direct
statements often
contain
unavoidable
conclusions
although not
directly stated.**

- ✦ Jesus in reassuring John the Baptist - (Mt. 11:3-5)
- ✦ Jesus and the resurrection of the dead - (Mt. 22:31-33; Lk. 20:37-40)
- ✦ Jesus about the humanity and deity of the Messiah -(Mt. 22:41-46; John 8:58)
- ✦ Preaching the man involves preaching the plan - (Acts 8:35-36)

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JESUS USED DIRECT STATEMENTS / APPROVED
EXAMPLE / NECESSARY INFERENCES - MAT 19



- ✦ Example – *Made them male and female - (Gen. 1:27)*
- ✦ Direct statement – *Man shall leave and cleave & be one flesh – One man, one woman - (Gen. 2:24)*
- ✦ Implication – *God joined – (cf Mal 2:14) Necessary Inference - What God has joined together, let not man separate!” (Mat. 19:6)*

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WHEN SHOULD WE OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

- ✦ **Direct Statement** – The elements of the Lord's Supper – ²⁶ Jesus took bread, . . . ²⁷ Then He took the cup, (Mat. 26:26,27 - Luke 22:18 Fruit of the vine)
- ✦ **Example** – When to observe the Lord's supper - Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, - Acts 20:7
- ✦ **Implication** – Frequency of observance – Every first day – “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread,” – Acts 20:7; (Ex 20:10)

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HOW THE APOSTLES ESTABLISHED THE TRUTH
ABOUT CIRCUMCISION - ACTS 15:7-19



- ✦ **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. 7-11; (cf. Acts 10,11)

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- ✦ The importance of establishing Divine authority for ALL we do!!
- ✦ The NT is the ONLY source of Divine authority -
- ✦ Must follow the inductive method of Bible study -
- ✦ What is your attitude towards the need to establish authority for all that you do?
- ✦ Do you desire to study the Word of God and follow it?

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⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

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