

BIBLE TERMS AND PHRASES

Used In

UNBIBLICAL WAYS

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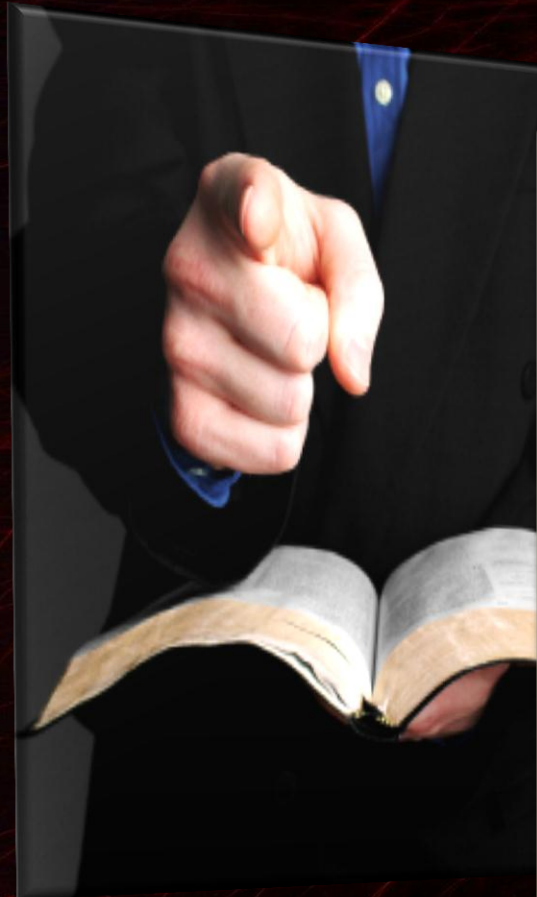
GOD ...
II Tim 2:15



2 Timothy 2:14-18 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Remind *them* of these things, charging *them* before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. ¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ¹⁶ But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. ¹⁷ And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, ¹⁸ who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

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Many say - “The Bible says what it means and means what it says!” -

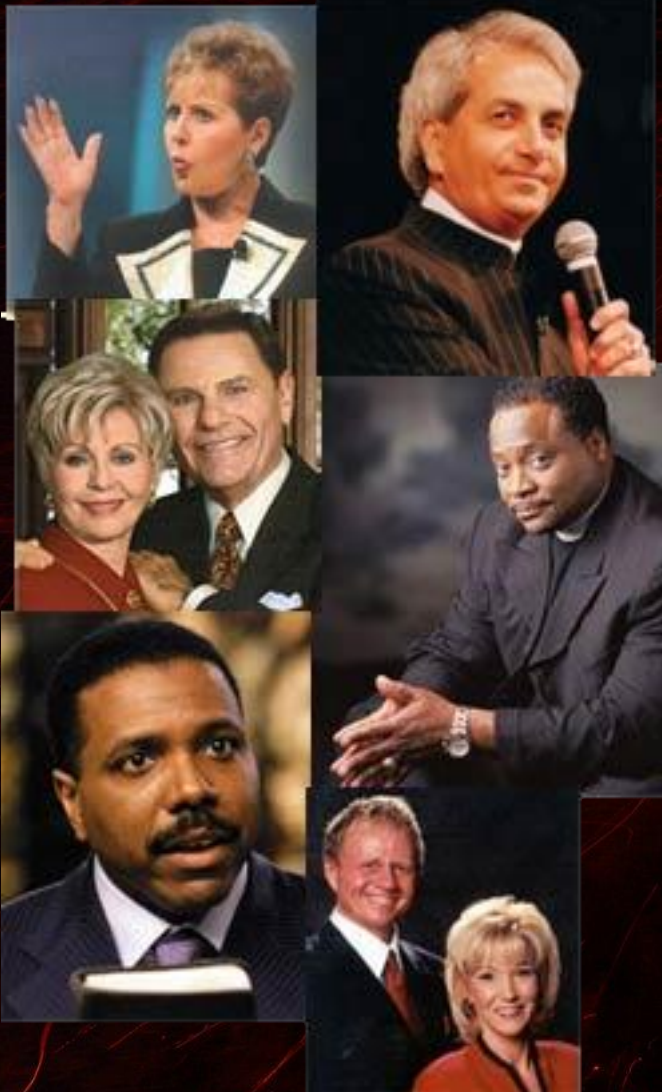
- ◆ Actually the Bible means what it means.
- ◆ Must account for figurative and accommodative language –
- ◆ The importance of context – (immediate and remote / who is speaking and who is being spoken to)
- ◆ Properly defining terms – (what did the Hebrew and Greek terms mean when they were penned?)

BIBLE TERMS AND PHRASES USED IN UNBIBLICAL WAYS



- ❖ Church . . .
- ❖ Pastor, Elder, Bishop,
- ❖ Baptism . . .
- ❖ Grace / Faith / Works . . .
- ❖ Sin . . .
- ❖ Indwelling of the Holy Spirit / Holy Spirit Baptism
- ❖ Fellowship . . .

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Every Professed Christian Who Is A False Teacher Uses The Bible!

- ◆ Their followers are often heard saying – “They teach the Bible” – “They use the Bible” -
- ◆ They very well may use Bible language – but they misunderstand it - misapply it – and misuse it!

THE TERM "CHURCH"

Vines: ekklesia (ἐκκλησία , (1577)), from *ek*, out of, and *klēsis*, a calling (*kaleō*, to call),

- ◆ **Was used among the Greeks** of a body of citizens gathered to discuss the affairs of State, Acts 19:39.
- ◆ **In the Sept.** it is used to designate the gathering of Israel, summoned for any definite purpose, or a gathering regarded as representative of the whole nation.
- ◆ **In Acts 7:38** it is used of Israel;
- ◆ **In 19:32, 41**, of a riotous mob.

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- ✦ It has two applications to companies of Christians, (a) to the whole company of the redeemed throughout the present era, the company of which Christ said, “I will build My Church,” Matt. 16:18, and which is further described as “the Church which is His Body,” Eph. 1:22; 5:23, (b) in the singular number (e.g., Matt. 18:17, R.V. marg., “congregation”), to a company consisting of **professed believers**, e.g., Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:13; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:5, and in the plural, with reference to churches in a district.

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- ◆ The denominational concept –
The universal church made up of different denominations

BIBLE TERMS AND PHRASES USED IN UNBIBLICAL WAYS

The Denominational Concept

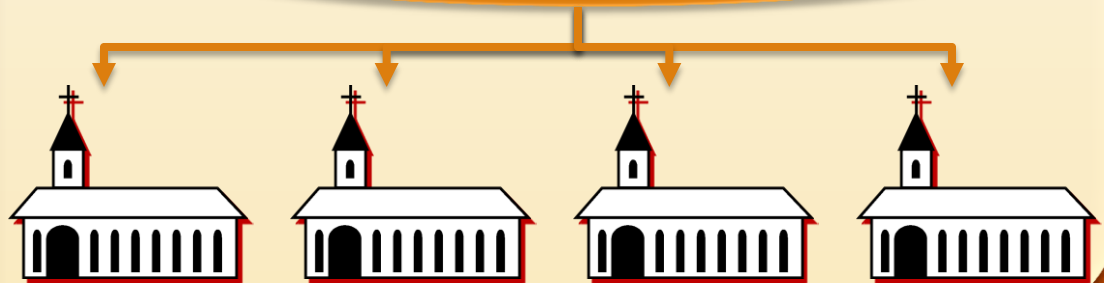
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4 : a religious organization uniting
local congregations in a single legal
and administrative body

Merriam-Webster

Denominational Organization

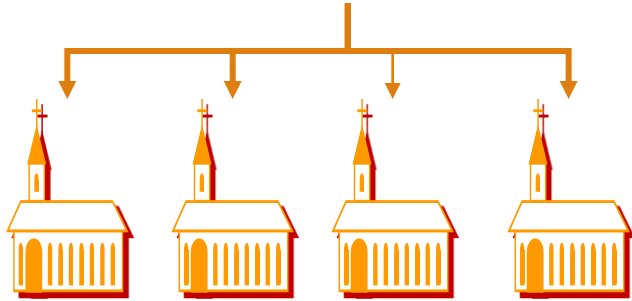
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THE DENOMINATIONAL CONCEPT

Bound together by distinct beliefs

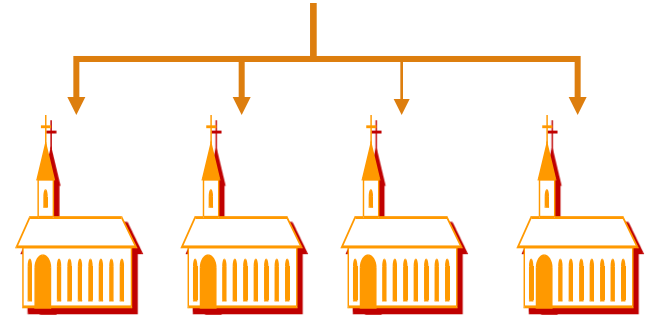
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Baptist (1608)

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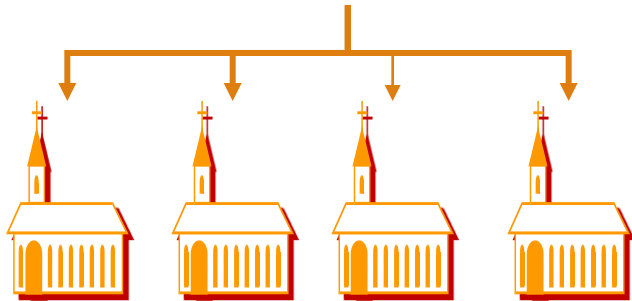
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Presbyterian (1560)

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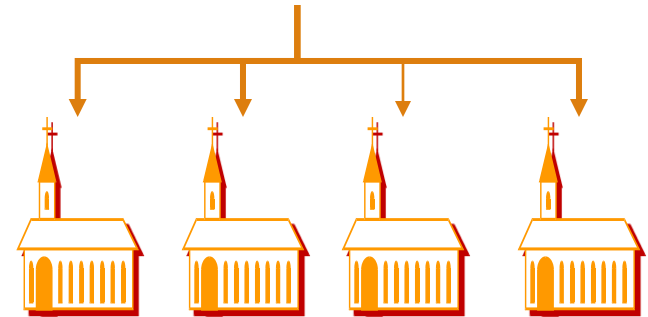
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Methodist (1740)

Bound together by distinct beliefs

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Pentecostal (1898)

**Divided
By
Distinction
In Belief**

BIBLE TERMS AND PHRASES USED IN UNBIBLICAL WAYS

The Denominational Concept

10 Pennies

3 Dimes

2 Nickels

2 Quarters



- Catholic (606)
- Lutheran (1517)
- Presbyterian (1560)
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- Etc.



The church of Christ

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John 15

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Methodist

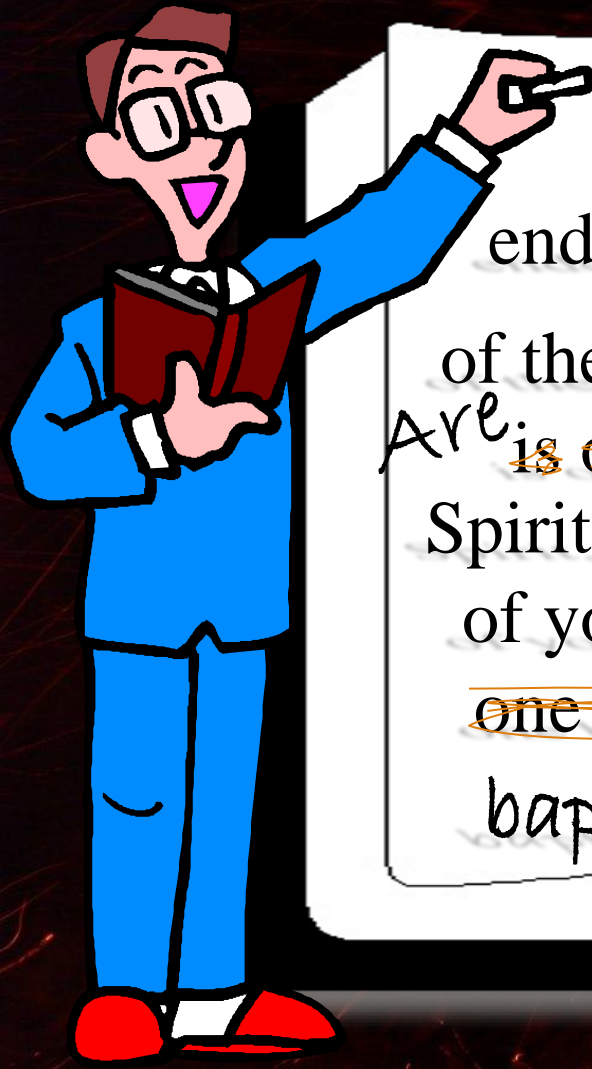
Lutheran

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Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)

And I also say to you that you are
Peter, and on this rock I will build
My ~~church~~, **churches** and the
gates of Hades shall not prevail
against it.

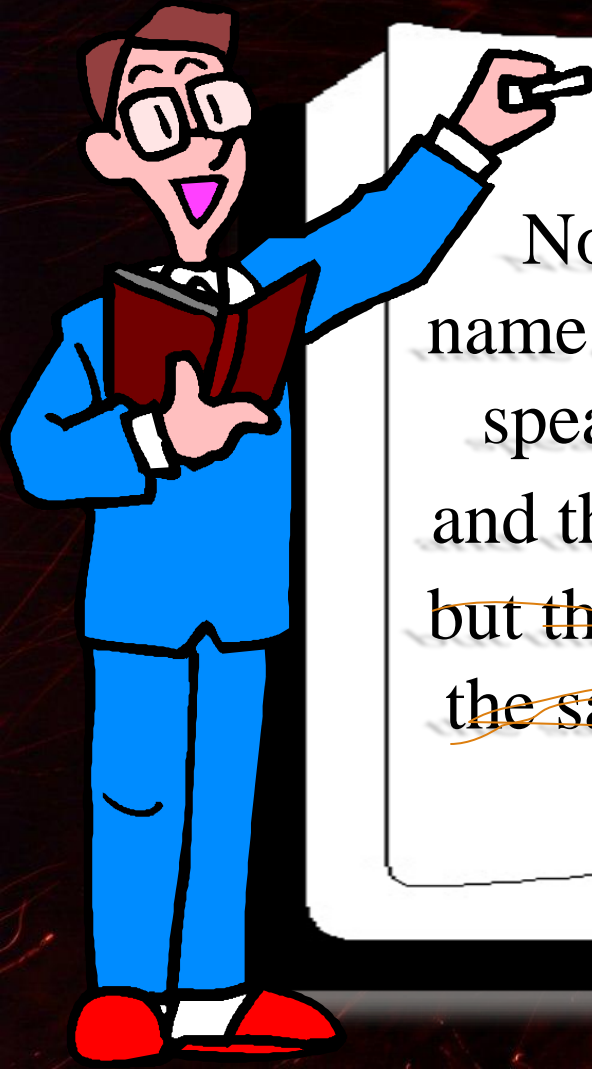
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Ephes. 4:3-6 (NKJV)

endeavoring to keep the ~~unity~~ *diversity*
of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There
Are ~~is one body~~ *Many bodies* and one
Spirit, just as you were called in one hope
of your calling; [5] one Lord, ~~one faith,~~
~~one baptism;~~ *Many faiths and*
baptisms

BIBLE TERMS AND PHRASES USED IN UNBIBLICAL WAYS



1 Cor. 1:10 (NKJV)

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all
speak ~~the same thing~~, *Different things*
and that there be ~~no~~ divisions among you,
~~but that you be perfectly joined together in~~
~~the same mind and in the same judgment.~~

THE TERM CHURCH AS USED IN THE BIBLE

Church - ekklesia - A collective noun which means “called out”

**Used by Jesus in reference to His redeemed people,
Matt 16:18**

18 times - used in a general sense to designate ALL the saved, Acts 2:47, Col 1:18, Eph 1:22;5:25 (to separate from rest of world)

92 times – in reference to local congregations of God's “called out” - 1 Cor 1:2 *“the church of God which is at Corinth”*

THE TERM CHURCH AS USED IN THE BIBLE

Some other
terms which
enhance our
understanding
of the nature
of the
“church”
which belongs
to Christ:

- ✓ “Body” of Christ - 1 Cor. 12:27;
Eph 4:12
- ✓ “Household” of God - Eph 2:19
- ✓ “Temple” of God – 1 Cor
3:16,17
- ✓ “Kingdom” of Christ – Col 1:13;
Rom 14:17; John 18:36
- ✓ “Bride” of Christ – 2 Cor 11:2
- ✓ “Vineyard” – Mat 20:1-16

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THE TERM CHURCH AS USED IN THE BIBLE

Jesus the
head – Ep 1:22

The church universal



Steven
Peter
Paul
Timothy
Us - if
saved!

- ◆ The Body of Christ: Eph 1:22,23
- ◆ All Those IN Christ – Ep. 1:10, 2:16; 1 Cor. 12:12,13
- ◆ Saved Individuals – Acts 2:47; Rom. 12:5; Ep. 3:6; 5:23

THE TERM CHURCH USED IN A UNIVERSAL SENSE

- ➡ **Composed of all Christians** - Mat 16:18; Heb. 12:22-24; Acts 2:47
- ➡ **There is just “one”** - Ep. 1:22,23; 4:4
- ➡ **Began on the “Day of Pentecost”** - Acts 2:1-47
- ➡ **Enter by being added by the Lord** - Acts 2:41,47; Acts 8:35-39
- ➡ **Lord keeps book of membership** - Heb. 12:23; 2 Tim. 2:19
- ➡ **Consists of all the saved** - Ep. 5:25-27; Jn. 15:2,6; Re. 3:16
- ➡ **Must be in this church to be saved** - Ep. 5:23; Acts 2:47
- ➡ **Has no “earthly” organization** - Ep. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:25
- ➡ **Can’t be divided** - 1 Cor. 1:13; Ep. 4:4
- ➡ **Death doesn’t affect membership** - He. 12:22-23; Php 1:22,23; 1 Th 5:10

THE TERM CHURCH USED IN A LOCAL SENSE



- ◆ “the church of God which is at Corinth” (1 Cor. 1:2)
- ◆ “the church of the Thessalonians in God” (1 Thess. 1:1).
- ◆ “the churches of Galatia” (1 Cor. 16:1).
- ◆ “the churches of the saints” (1 Cor. 14:33).
- ◆ “the churches of Christ” (Rom. 16:16).
- ◆ “the churches” (Acts 8:3; 15:41, etc., etc.).

THE TERM CHURCH AS USED IN THE BIBLE

Jesus the
head – Ep 1:22

The Local church

- ◆ Christians in the same area joining together to do the Lord's work - Ep. 1:1; Phili 1:1; 1 Cor 1:2
- ◆ Submitting to the head in organization, work & worship - Eph. 4:11; 1 Thes 1:8; 2:13,14; Col 3:16,17; John 4:24



THE TERM CHURCH USED IN A LOCAL SENSE

- ➡ Christians in a location - 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Th. 1:1; Rom. 1:6
- ➡ There are “many” - Rom. 16:16; Gal. 1:2
- ➡ Begins when “Christians” join together - Acts 11:19-26
- ➡ Enter by “joining ourselves” - Acts 9:26-28
- ➡ Enrolled by human judgment - 3 John 1:5-9
- ➡ Consists of both saved and lost - Rev. 3:1-4
- ➡ Do not have to be in this to be saved - Acts 8:39; 9:26
- ➡ Has “earthly” organization - Phili 1:1; Acts 14:23; Acts 20:17; 28
- ➡ Can be divided - 1 Cor. 1:13; 3:3,4
- ➡ Death does affect membership - Acts 8:1,2

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

“Universal”

All

“One”

“30 AD

Pentecost”

The Lord Adds

All the saved

No “earthly”
organization

No division

Doesn’t affect
membership

Compared

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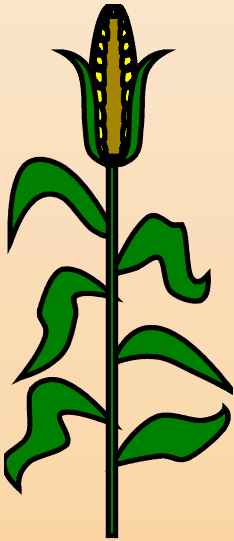
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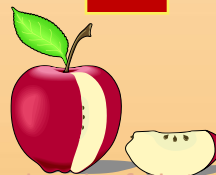
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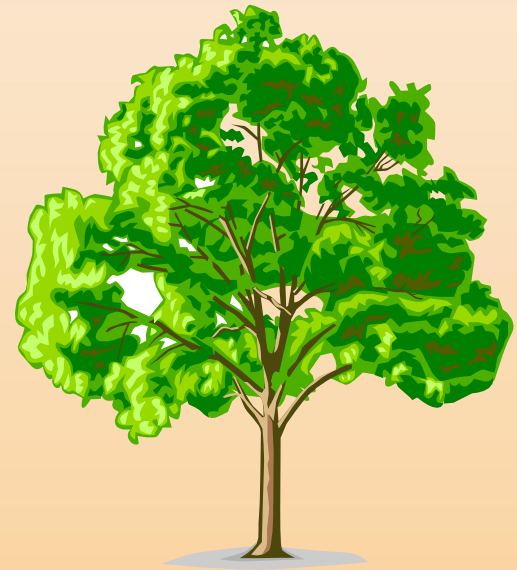
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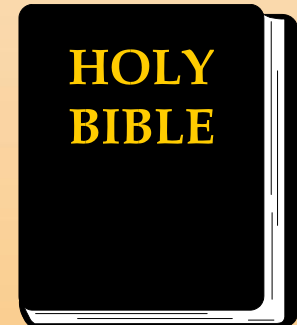
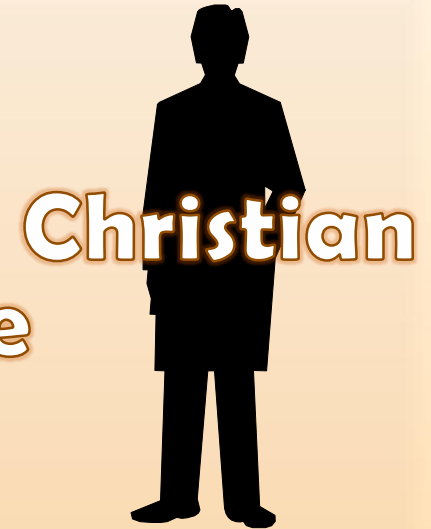
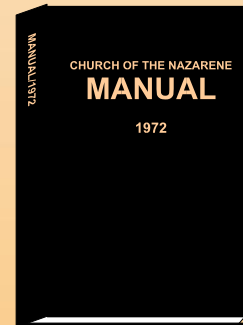
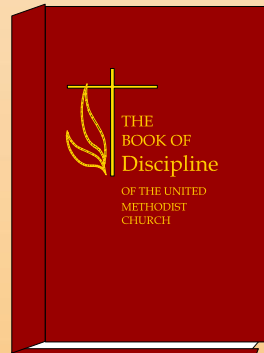
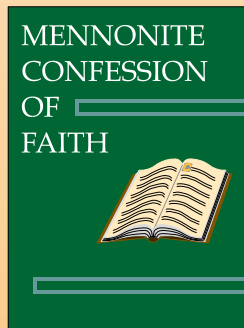


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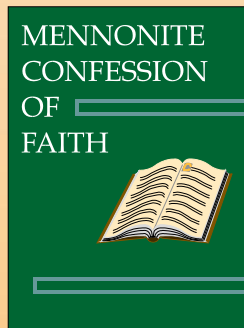
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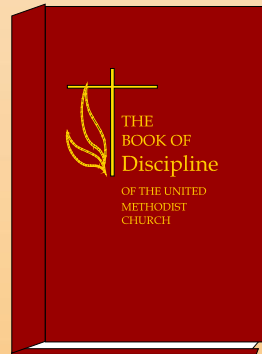
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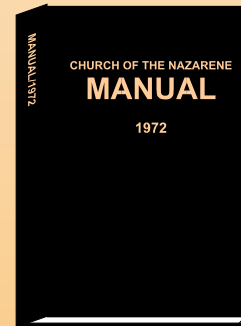
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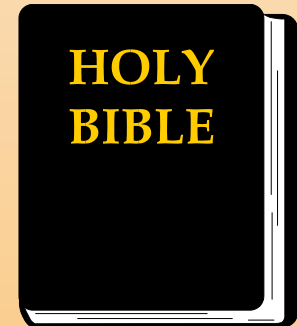
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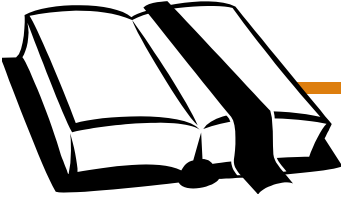
Church of
Christ



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seed Produces After It's Own Kind

“The seed is the Word of God” (Luke 8:11)

- The Bible Alone  → Christian
- Bible + Methodist Discipline → Methodist
- Bible + Baptist Manual → Baptist
- Bible + Book of Mormon → Mormon

Denominationalism necessitates different seeds!

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WE MUST USE AND UNDERSTAND BIBLE TERMS CORRECTLY!



- ◆ The term as used in the scripture when ascribed to the people of God refers to all the saved who have believed and obeyed the truth or the saved in particular location, (those who have obeyed the truth)
- ◆ There is a BIG difference between the Biblical concept and the denominational, (unbiblical) concept!

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT?



- ◆ Have you heard & believed the truth? (Ro 10:14)
- ◆ Have you repented of your sins? (Acts 17:30)
- ◆ Have you confessed that “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?” (Acts 8:37)
- ◆ Have you been baptized “into” Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins? (Acts 2:38; Ro 6:3-6)

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2 Peter 3:14-18 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; ¹⁵ and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation-- as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

2 Peter 3:14-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

2 Peter 3:14-18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ but grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ. To Him
be the glory both now and
forever. Amen.