

## What Is The Church of Christ

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Is There A Church today that you can read about in your Bible?

Millions have asked this question in view of its remarkable growth. The answer is found in the New Testament in Romans 16:16. Jesus Christ promised to build His church. "Upon this rock I will build my church ... " (Matthew 16:18).

Fifty days after His resurrection, Christ built His church when three thousand became Christians and were added to it (Acts 2:38, 47). The church of Christ was built upon the foundation of Jesus as the Son of God. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY HEAD OF THE CHURCH and He, alone, has preeminence in it. "And He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church ... that in all things He might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18) Jesus said, "All authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18).

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS NOT A DENOMINATION. It is the Kingdom of God. It is non-denominational and Christ-centered by its very nature. It is neither Catholic nor Protestant. It is not controlled by an ecclesiastical hierarchy, since every member is a priest under Christ, the High Priest (1 Peter 2:9).

WHEREVER CHRIST IS PREACHED and men believe in Him, repent, and are baptized (immersed) into Him, Christians are made (Galatians 3:27). Then God adds them to the church which is the undenominational body of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST is pleading for primitive Christianity, the restoration of the apostolic church, and the unity of all Christians. Jesus said, "The seed is the Word of God" (Luke 8:11). When this seed is sown today, it will bear the same fruit that it produced in the first century of Christianity.

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