

Did You Know?

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1. That preachers weren't called "Reverend," or "Father," or "Pastor" in the Bible? Matthew 23:5-12
2. That no denomination existed in the first century (according to the New Testament) that exists today? 1 Corinthians 1:10-15; 3:4-9.
3. That men and women did not "join" the Lord's church according to the New Testament? Acts 2:47; Col. 1:13; 1 Corinthians 12:18.
4. That early Christians did not speak of "my church," or "your church," or "our church"? It was rather God's church or Christ's church. 1 Corinthians 1:2; Acts 20:28; Romans 16:16
5. That Sunday is not the sabbath (the word means "rest") or "the Christian's sabbath"? Col. 2:14-17. The sabbath was part of the law of Moses and ended through the cross of Christ and the giving of the new covenant, Hebrews 8:1-3.
6. That sprinkling or pouring water upon someone is not baptism? Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:38. Baptism under the gospel requires a burial in and a resurrection from water.
7. That babies and little children are not subjects of baptism? Mark 16:16; Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:36-37. In the New Testament, baptism was preceded by hearing, believing, repenting and confessing.
8. That one church is not just as good as another? Matt. 15:8-9, 15-18; 16:18; Acts 20:28.
9. That Saul of Tarsus was not saved on the road to Damascus, but in the city of Damascus? Acts 9:6; 22:10, 16; 9:18.
10. That the thief on the cross is not an example of gospel conversion? He was under the law of Moses, and the new covenant or the gospel was not in force. Heb. 9:16-17; Rom. 1:16-17.
11. That the New Testament church used no mechanical instruments of music in worship? All samples and commandments speak of singing. Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19; etc.
12. That the New Testament church observed the Lord's supper every first day of the week? Acts 20:7
13. That the New Testament church had no synods, councils or conventions, and each congregation was autonomous or self-governing? Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-2.
14. That the New Testament church did not commemorate Christmas, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday or Easter Sunday? The New Testament is totally devoid of such celebrations. Galatians 4:8-11
15. That the New Testament church had no earthly headquarters, earthly head or central governing body? Each congregation was independent and ruled by elders, overseers (bishops) or shepherds (pastors). Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4.
16. That the New Testament church had no colleges, old folks homes or children's homes? The New Testament is silent about such church organizations.
17. That the New Testament church had no gymnasiums, exercise rooms, game rooms, kitchens and dining rooms and sponsored no recreation or entertainment? And nowhere authorizes such.
18. That the New Testament church financed its work by the free-will offerings of its members on the first day of the week and not by constant collections, bazaars, rummage sales or begging from businesses or the public? 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
19. That the New Testament church had no creed outside of what the apostles and others preached and wrote by the Holy Spirit (which we have in the New Testament)? Acts 2:42; Galatians 1:8-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3; Jude 3.
20. That everyone must become a Christian the same way? Mark 16:15-16; Ephesians 4:1-6

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