

Scripture prove these systems to be false (e.g. Eph. 2:8; James chapters 1 and 2, etc.).

Why would anyone want to trust their eternal soul's salvation to a system of man and not God's way???

### 3. Where in the Bible do you read about the worship you practice?

Speaking of the early church: "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). In this verse we have four of the five acts of worship authorized by God: "apostles' doctrine" has to do with **preaching** (2 Tim. 4:2; Acts 20:7); "fellowship" includes **giving** of our means (1 Cor. 16:1,2); "breaking of bread" in this case is speaking of the **Lord's Supper** (Matt. 26:26-28); and of course "**prayers**" (1 Thess. 5:17). In addition to these four acts of worship we learn that we are to **sing** (acapella) songs of praise to God (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). The command is to sing, not sing and play. In the Old Testament instruments of music were used, but the Old Testament has been done away with being nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:15). We are under New Testament law today (Heb. chapters 7 – 10). In the New Testament the command is to sing and that is exactly what the church did. One cannot find the church ever using mechanical instruments of music in worship to God in the New Testament. It is only when men cease to follow the New Testament that mechanical instruments of music is used in worship. This is not pleasing to God and it is not obeying Him.

Worship containing anything less or more is not acceptable to God (cp. Rev. 22:18,19). We must seek to please God in all things, and not ourselves. To please God is to obey Him (1 Thess. 4:1,2; John 14:15,23, etc.).

**Conclusion:** The church of Christ has no creed book or church manual by men as do the denominations. The Bible is our only guide and Jesus is our creed – we beg you to have no more. Please seek His saving truth and His blood bought church with your whole heart. We sincerely invite you to the Lord's church in your area. If you need help in locating it please let us know.

We will be happy to address any questions you may have concerning the church and the doctrine of Christ. Please let us know how we may help you. ♥



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(Phil 2:16 cp. John 6:63, 68)

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## Three Questions Everyone Should Ask (My Answers To What I Asked You)

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Please see September's article. I hope you studied the chart given in September's article and studied all the Scriptures given. No one sent in any verses to support those man-made doctrines in column three of the chart. The obvious reason is that those doctrines are of men and not from God. There are no Bible verses to support those man-made doctrines! We know what comes from God by book, chapter, and verse. If there is no Bible for a doctrine, then it is of men and must not be followed (Matt. 15:9-14 cp. 2 John 9). **The three questions given in September's article follow:**

1. Where in the Bible do you read about the church to which you belong?
2. Where in the Bible do you read about the plan of salvation you have followed?
3. Where in the Bible do you read about the worship you practice?

These are very serious questions and I hope that you gave serious consideration to them. To be fair I will answer the same questions. We should never be afraid or ashamed to tell people what we believe and give Scripture for it. Jesus said: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

**My Answers to the same questions I asked you:**

## 1. Where in the Bible do you read about the church to which you belong?

By the grace of God I, and many others throughout the world, belong to the one true church you read about in the Bible. I am so thankful for the ones who helped me to see and understand the saving truth (John 8:32). I am eternally grateful.

**One can read about some aspect of the church of Christ upon** nearly every page in the New Testament and find many prophecies and types for the church in the Old Testament. It is the one church Jesus promised to build (Matt. 16:18). Therefore, it is called after Him: “Salute one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you” (Rom. 16:16). This is referring to the local congregations of the church of Christ. It is the same church in different locations. It is by no means referring to the denominations all of which were established by men contrary to God’s will (see John 17:20,21; 1 Cor. 1:10,13).

**Jesus promised to build only one church:** “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matt. 16:18). Jesus said “my church” and naturally it would be called after Him (cp. Rom. 16:16 above). Jesus said church, which is singular and Jesus meant what He said as is also affirmed by the apostle Paul: “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; (Eph. 4:4). What is the body? Paul tells us: “And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Eph. 1:22,23). There is only one body and the body is the church, therefore there is only one true church.

**Yes, there are many false churches in the world today** and the members thereof THINK they have salvation, but they are very wrong (cp. Matt. 7:21-23). They have followed the false teachers (v.15) who build upon the sinking sand (v.24-27). This is so very sad. They refuse to do the sayings of Jesus (v.26,27) and have established and do establish their own churches wherein there is no salvation! They give lip service to Jesus (Luke 6:46 cp. Matt. 7:21-23), but establish their own system of salvation of “grace only” or “faith only.” But Jesus told us plainly who would be saved: “he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (v.21). This is affirmed over and over again by such verses as Hebrews 5:9 “And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”

**Jesus is returning some sweet day** for His one and only true church. Hear the inspired apostle Paul: “That he might sanctify and

cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, {27} That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:26,27).

We all should fervently desire to be faithful members of that one true church for which Jesus died: “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:28). Jesus did not die for any of the man-made churches in the world today. He died only for His church. Why would anyone be a member of a church which you cannot read about in the Bible???

## 2. Where in the Bible do you read about the plan of salvation you have followed?

In the gospel accounts, by the Savior Himself, we have many commands, statements of facts, warnings, and promises concerning salvation. We find in the book of Acts, the apostles preaching that gospel and many obeying it, thus being saved from their sins. As they were saved, they were added to that one true church: “Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47).

### God’s plan of salvation is simple:

1. **Hear** the truth (Rom. 10:17).
2. **Believe** the truth (Mark 16:16).
3. **Repent** of your sins (Luke 13:3).
4. **Confess** Christ (Matthew 10:32,33).
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

Then as God’s people, live a faithful life unto God (Rev. 2:10; Heb. 3:6). We should all be very thankful for this God given plan of salvation. It is simple and not grievous to obey: “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3). And do as those with honest hearts in Acts 2: “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41).

Man’s system of salvation of “grace only” or “faith only” is absolutely foreign to the Bible. Men twist and pervert Scripture to come up with such systems (2 Peter 3:16; Gal. 1:7). Multitudes of