

Everyone can't be Right

*32,000 "Christian
Denominations" in the
U.S. and Jesus said:*

*"I am **the** way, **the**
truth, and **the** life. No
one comes to the
Father except through
Me."*

John 14:6

ONE WAY

It has always amazed me that we live in a world that has 32 thousand plus denominations all calling themselves Christians and all believe differently. Let's be honest; the Baptist will not be worshiping with the Apostolic because they believe differently and so it is with many of the denominations today. All claim Jesus; most all claim the Bible as the Inspired Word of God, yet all are different. I don't know about you but last time I looked the Bible has not changed. **God does not change:** He says so **Malachi 3:6** *"For I am the Lord, I change not..."* **Jesus does not change:** **Hebrews 13:8** *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."* **The Word does not change:** **1 Peter 1:25** *"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."* **His word will stand for-ever:** **Matthew 24:35** *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."* **It is man who changes the word to serve themselves:** **Romans 1:25** *"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."* (Other passages: Deuteronomy 4:2, Deuteronomy 12:32, Jeremiah 26:2, Proverbs 30:6, John 10:35)

In the text on the cover from John 14:6 Jesus said, The Way, The Truth, The Life. So I will ask you a question: If there is only one way, The Way: how many different churches should there be?

Again if there is only one truth, The Truth: how many truths are there? An honest person must answer one.

Test your Bible Knowledge. (Fill in the blanks without looking up the verses)

- ✓ *"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and _____ in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Romans 10:9
- ✓ *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever _____ in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* John 3:16
- ✓ *"For by _____ you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of _____, lest anyone should boast."* Ephesians 2:8&9
- ✓ *"For whoever _____ on the name of the Lord shall be saved."* Romans 10:13
- ✓ He who believes and is ___ shall be saved. Mark 16:16
- ✓ ...arise and be ___ washing away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16
- ✓ ... ___ does also now save us... 1Peter 3:21
- ✓ Repent and be ___ for the remission of your sins... Acts 2:38
- ✓ **Now look them up and answer this:** What is the most taboo teaching from the Bible in almost every denominational church today? Insert the word you didn't know here: _____

If these scriptures are not taught where you are then you **did not** obey the gospel of Christ, but that of man.

Consider: There is only one true church how does one know if they're a part of it? **The Bible** will help you to know the truth (Jn 8:32) and if you believe it you can still be added by God to His Body.

First The Bible: Acts 2:14-47 First gospel sermon on the Day of Pentecost. Men asked: *“What shall we do?” (Act 2:37) Peter answered: “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38) “And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:47) Did Peter give the same answer as your church gives?*

The Church of Christ was prophesized (Read Isaiah 2:2-3) and fulfilled around 32 AD, began in Jerusalem (Read Acts 2) the head being Christ. Where did your denomination start and who is its founder?

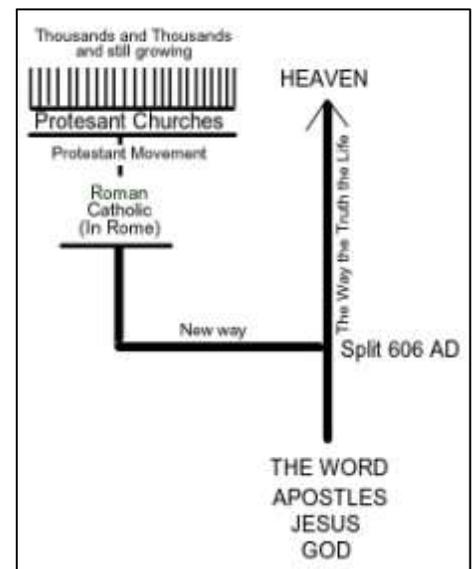
Name	Place	Head	Date
Church of Christ	Jerusalem	Christ	32AD
Baptist:	Holland	Menno Simons John Smythe	1609
Nazarene (Roots to Church of England 1700,s)	Texas	John & Charles Wesley	1908
The Church of God	Tennessee	A.J Tomlinson	1886

Wrong: Name, Place, Head, Time

Christ’s church never fell away (Hebrews 12:28) nor needs restoring and the *“protestant movement”* is man’s creation with its thousands of differing protestant denominations. Christ’s Church, the one way, began in the first century on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-47) with Christ as the head (Col 1:18) and the Church belongs to Him by His design (Matthew 16:18) and paid for by His blood (Acts 20:28). The saved have been added to the church, the body (Eph 1:22-23) of Christ since the first century (Acts 2:47). This is who we are! (Romans 16:16)

Jesus said clearly and distinctly, *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” (See: Sinner’s Prayer And Test)* Yet isn’t that just what you were taught, if a man says, Lord, come into my heart then he is saved? When we all use different standards, like teaching of men as one standard, it only makes sense to have so many different denominations because of so many different men. But if we accept as our standard the Bible, which teaches the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow, then all who believe will be the same, and that is truth. I have eaten food from a chain restaurant in 14 different states, all where the same because they are all learning from the same manual. The church, Christ’s church is the same everywhere where men eat from the same Word, the Bible.

Find yourself on the chart to the right then *“examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.” (2Cor 13:5)*



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