

**ONE WAY**

**CHRISTIANITY  
IS  
UNDENOMINATIONAL**

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## PREFACE

**WELCOME TO A STUDY OF UNDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIANITY!** Our world longs for a return to the undivided church of the first century.

**WE DIDN'T WANT DENOMINATIONAL DIVISION NOR CAUSE IT.** We just inherited it, usually without questioning its cause.

**TO LEARN THE BIBLE PICTURE OF THE ORIGINS OF DIVISION IS TO BE SHOCKED!** We see that we have accepted a condition which God never intended nor tolerated.

**BY KNOWING ITS CAUSE WE CAN KNOW ITS CURE.** The Bible is as clear as to the remedy as to the cause.

**THIS BOOKLET IS A SELF TEACHING GUIDEBOOK ON RESTORING ORIGINAL CHRISTIANITY.** You are the teacher and the student. (Check your answers in Answer Section in back of book)

**CONCENTRATE ON THE BOLD-FACED HEADING ATOP EACH PAGE.** This is the topic covered on that page.

**THE SHORT LINE UNDERNEATH IN SMALL PRINT IS AN OBSERVATION ON THE HEADING.** Deliberate throughout the page whether these things are so.

**THE CENTRAL ART SKETCH ILLUSTRATES THE CENTRAL TOPIC OF THE PAGE.** Use it to enable you to visualize the page's main point.

**THE SCRIPTURE QUOTATION (KING JAMES VERSION) IS THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.** Read the passages to see if the topic is true.

**THE QUESTIONS WILL CAUSE YOU TO FOCUS ON THE SIGNIFICANT WORDS IN THE SCRIPTURE.** Fill in the blanks as a means of concentration.

**THE CONCLUSIONS ARE THE MOST VITAL PART.** They pinpoint the logical deductions about the topic. Circle your own conclusions *either yes or no*.

**EACH PAGE IS A UNIT.** You should linger long enough to grasp each point and then to agree or disagree.

**IF YOU DISAGREE (WHICH IS NORMAL), USE YOUR BIBLE AND READ THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH OF EACH SCRIPTURE.** Then list clearly at the bottom of the page the exact point of difference.

**DON'T HURRY TO AGREE OR DISAGREE.** Remember that you are the teacher, and you must teach yourself each truth. Maybe you will want to think about a page for awhile.

**THE BIBLE IS OUR ONLY AUTHORITY.** What we think or what we want is not important.

**WHAT WE CONCLUDE FROM SCRIPTURE IS WHAT WE MUST DO.** Our learning is not for theory but for practice.

**GOD'S WILL IS FOR OUR GOOD.** His Word teaches only what is best for us. I can be happy here and hereafter only by following His way.

**DIVISIONS IN RELIGION ARE BEWILDERING! CAN  
DIFFERENT WAYS BE RIGHT? CAN OPPOSITE ROADS  
BE ONE WAY?**

A sincere earth traveler is understandably puzzled as to conflicting roads which are supposed to lead to heaven.



**JESUS SAID:** "Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Mt. 7:13, 14.)

**QUESTIONS**

Jesus said there are how many ways (roads?) \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe each: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_  
How many on each road? 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_  
Where do they lead? 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Jesus said that there is one road to eternal life (yes, no.)  
Jesus said that many are on the road to destruction (yes, no.)  
Men popularly teach that there are many roads to heaven (yes, no.)

**THE BIBLE CLEARLY SAYS, "LET THERE BE  
NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU."**

Something is basically wrong when God says one way and men say many ways.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you: but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1: 10.)

**QUESTIONS**

What word tells how many divisions are allowed?  
Instead of divisions be  
In what 2 areas must there be perfect oneness?

**CONCLUSIONS**

The Bible commands unity (yes, no.)  
The Bible condemns divisions among Christians (yes, no.)  
The authority (name) of Jesus backs these commands (yes, no.)

**ALL CHRISTIANS MUST TEACH THE SAME THING.  
UNITY OF DOCTRINE, NOT SOCIAL AFFILIATION,  
IS GOD'S ONE WAY.**

The divisions forbidden among Christians are divisions of teaching: all must teach the same thing.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17.)

**QUESTIONS**

Mark those causing what 2 things? \_\_\_\_\_

Divisions occur because of things contrary to the \_\_\_\_\_

What strong word tells how to treat division-causers? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Bible unity is based upon one doctrine (yes, no.)

All Christians must teach (speak) the same thing (yes, no.)

Those causing such offenses and divisions must be avoided (yes, no.)

**CHRISTIANS ARE COMMANDED TO KEEP THE UNITY  
OF THE SPIRIT, THAT IS, THE UNITY PRODUCED BY  
THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Instead of a human product on human terms, the Holy Spirit in Bible days produced a unity which we must endeavor to keep.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3.)

**QUESTIONS**

What word means *give effort*? \_\_\_\_\_

What word shows the unity there was in Bible days? \_\_\_\_\_

What word shows such unity was from the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

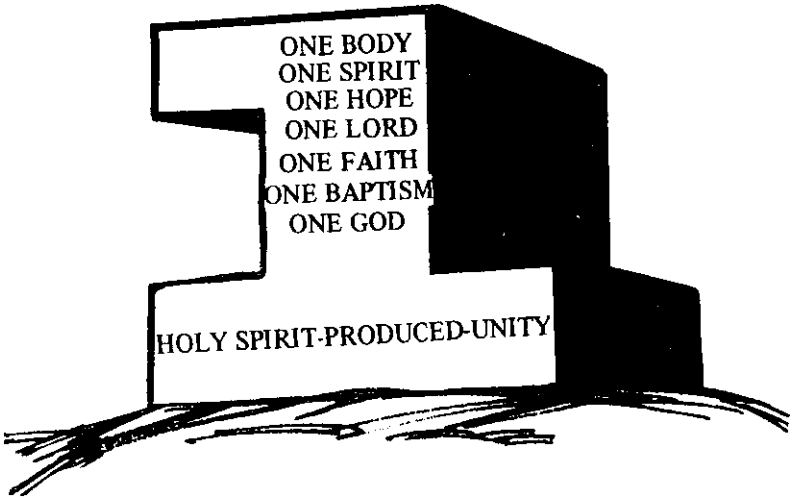
Christians must keep Holy Spirit unity (yes, no.)

Holy Spirit unity was true in Bible days (yes, no.)

Holy Spirit unity was unity from (or by) the Holy Spirit (yes, no.)

**HOLY SPIRIT-PRODUCED-UNITY IS DESCRIBED AS  
"ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD, ONE  
FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD."**

We know exactly what the Spirit's unity is because, after command- ing us to keep it, Paul explains it.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Eph. 4:3-6.)

**QUESTIONS**

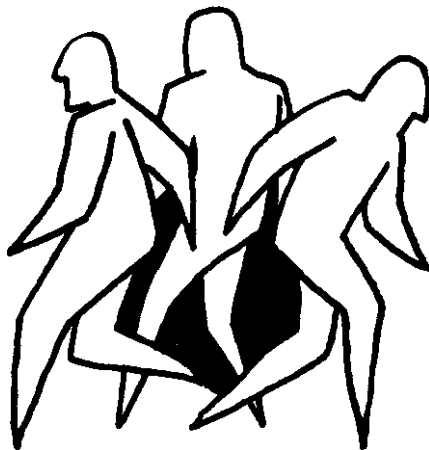
The Spirit's unity uses what word seven times? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many Gods? \_\_\_\_\_ Lords? \_\_\_\_\_ Spirits? \_\_\_\_\_  
Though many faiths, hopes, baptisms, and bodies (churches) are popular, Holy Spirit unity which we must keep is explained as \_\_\_\_\_ body, \_\_\_\_\_ hope, \_\_\_\_\_ faith, \_\_\_\_\_ baptism (just like one God, Lord, Spirit.)

**CONCLUSIONS**

The Spirit's unity has one faith, hope, baptism, body, Lord, Spirit, God (yes, no.)  
The Spirit produced the same number of faiths and baptisms as there are Gods (yes, no.)

## **JESUS PRAYED THAT ALL BELIEVERS BE ONE.**

Though men often thank God for many divisions, Jesus earnestly prayed that we all be one.



**JESUS' PRAYER SAYS:** "Neither pray I for these alone (apostles), but for them also which shall believe on me through their word, that they all may be one" (John 17:20, 21.)

### **QUESTIONS**

Are we today included in Jesus' prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

How many did Jesus pray would be one? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus pray that we all be? \_\_\_\_\_

### **CONCLUSIONS**

Jesus prayed for us (yes, no.)

He prayed for all of us (yes, no.)

He prayed that we all be one (yes, no.)



**JESUS PRAYED THAT ALL BELIEVERS BE ONE AS HE  
AND GOD ARE ONE.**

Social merging and religious affiliating are popular nowadays, but do not answer Jesus' prayer.



**JESUS' PRAYER SAYS:** "That they all may be one as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."

**QUESTIONS**

Jesus prayed that we be one as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are one.

Is there any doctrinal division between God and Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any disunity of any kind between God and Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

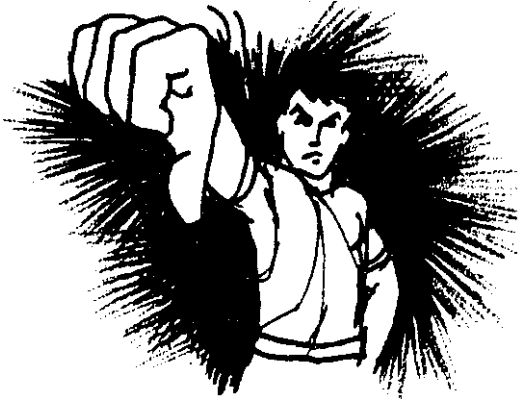
**CONCLUSIONS**

God and Christ are perfectly one (yes, no.)

Jesus prayed that we be one as He and God are one (yes, no.) It is possible for us to be one as Jesus prayed (yes, no.)

**JESUS SAID THAT THE WORLD WOULD NOT BELIEVE  
HIM UNTIL WE ARE ONE.**

Instead of being approved of God, religious division is a hindrance to belief in Christ.



**JESUS' PRAYER SAYS:** "That they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21.)

**QUESTIONS**

Is there a connection between Christian unity and the world believing in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

What word shows this connection? \_\_\_\_\_

Does Jesus imply that the world will not believe if we are divided?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Division of believers causes unbelief (yes, no.)

The Devil enjoys disunity of believers (yes, no.)

Division of believers reflects badly upon God and Christ (yes, no.)

**WE HAVE INHERITED A DIVIDED CONDITION OF BELIEVERS WITHOUT QUESTIONING ITS CAUSE.**

You and I have grown up in a divided religious world without stopping to see if God approves.



**PAUL PLEADED:** "that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you" (1 Cor. 1:10.)

**JESUS SAID:** "that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (Lk. 16:15.)

**QUESTIONS**

Does our generation highly esteem worldly pleasure, while God abominates it? \_\_\_\_\_

Are words like *lusty* and *affair* viewed exactly different by God and men? \_\_\_\_\_

Has our generation accepted the word *denomination* as a good word? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Who says to have no divisions? (God, man.)

Who says that divisions are good? (God, man.)

Is division of believers a thing accepted by men and abominated by God? (yes, no.)

**PAUL PINPOINTS THE ESSENCE OF DENOMINATING BY FORBIDDING NAMED DIVISIONS IN CORINTH.**

The word *denomination* comes from two Latin words, *de* meaning *by* and *nomin* meaning *name*. A denomination is a *named division*.



**PAUL SAYS:** "that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you. . . Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? (1 Cor. 1:10-13.)

**QUESTIONS**

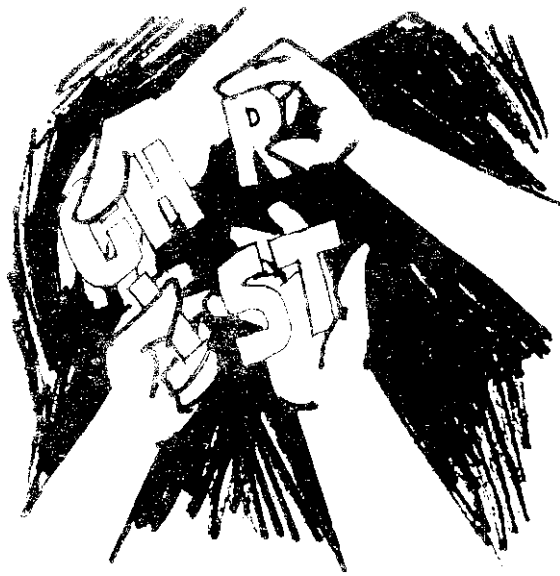
Whose names were Corinthian Christians wearing? \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
This caused Christ to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Name 5 denominations (named divisions) of a dollar: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

By definition the word *denomination* implies division (yes, no.)  
The Corinthians were denominating themselves (yes, no.)  
To wear a separating name today denominates or causes division as it did in Corinth (yes, no.)

## DENOMINATING TODAY DIVIDES CHRIST AS IT DID IN CORINTH.

Paul said to have no denominating of Christians because this divides Christ.



**PAUL ASKS:** "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Gaius, lest any should say that I had baptized in my own name" (1 Cor. 1:13-15.)

### QUESTIONS

Did some in Corinth claim to be baptized in Paul's name? \_\_\_\_\_.

Did wearing the names of Paul, of Apollos, and of Cephas cause division in Corinth? \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul was fearful of some thinking he baptized in his own \_\_\_\_\_.

### CONCLUSIONS

It was wrong to divide by names in Corinth (yes, no.)

It was wrong to denominate by saying, "I am of Paul, I am of Apollos, I am of Cephas" (yes, no.)

It is wrong today to denominate by saying, I am of Luther, I am of Wesley, etc. (yes, no.)

**HOW DID THE DIVISIONS WE GREW UP WITH BEGIN?  
TO ANSWER, WE MUST LOOK AT CHRISTIANITY IN ITS  
BEGINNING.**

If you tell a friend you have a new car, he immediately says, "what kind"? He cannot think of a car without thinking of a kind.



**JESUS SAID:** "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Mt. 16:18.)

**QUESTIONS**

Do you have trouble thinking of the church Jesus built originally without thinking of kinds of churches? \_\_\_\_\_

Did Jesus say *church* or *churches*? \_\_\_\_\_

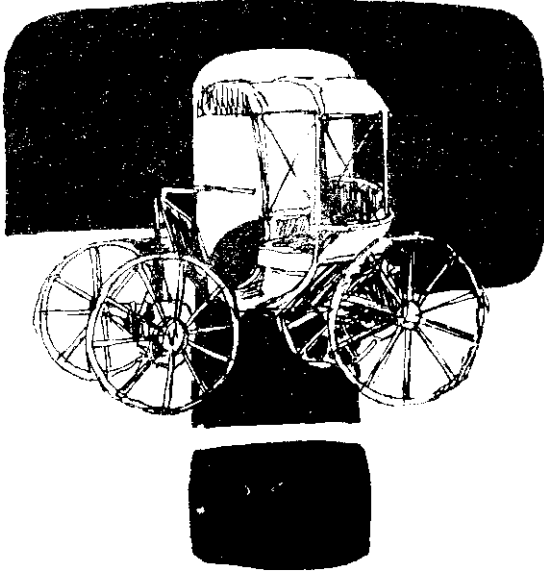
**CONCLUSIONS**

Did Christianity have kinds of churches in its beginning? (yes, no.) Don't we think of kinds of cars because we grew up in a world of many kinds? (yes, no.)

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**JUST AS THE ORIGINAL CAR WAS NO KIND, SO THE ORIGINAL CHURCH WAS NO KIND, JUST THE CHURCH**

Original Christianity was before the time of dividing into many churches, just as the original car was before the time of dividing into many cars.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25.) "There was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem" (Acts 8:1.) More often than in any other way the Bible speaks simply of the church or the church at some city (68 times.)

**QUESTIONS**

What was the original church in the New Testament most often called?

Christ gave himself for \_\_\_\_\_ (use Paul's word.)

**CONCLUSIONS**

Could the early Christians have been called simply the church everywhere if there had been different kinds? (yes, no.) Was the original automobile a kind of car? (yes, no.) Was the original church a kind of church? (yes, no.)

**ORIGINAL CHRISTIANITY WAS THE SAME IN EVERY PLACE: IT HAD NO KINDS.**

But because we were born in a world full of kinds of churches, we can hardly imagine the original undivided nature of the church.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "As I teach everywhere in every church" (1 Cor. 4:17.) "So ordain I in all churches" (1 Cor. 7:17.) "That ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you" (1 Cor. 1:10.)

**QUESTIONS**

Were New Testament churches different in kinds or in localities?

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Did Paul teach the same thing in all locations of the church?

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Did Paul practice and ordain (arrange) the same thing in all locations of the church? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

In their present divided state could Paul teach and practice the same things in all churches today? (yes, no.)

Is it God's original plan for the church that the same thing be taught and practiced everywhere today? (yes, no.)

Must we all teach the same thing today so as to have no divisions? (yes, no.)



**WE LEARN AND ACCEPT CONCEPTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT INTO WHICH WE ARE BORN AS IF THESE CONCEPTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TRUE.**

Just as it is hard to imagine first century men who did not wear pants, so it is hard to conceive of first century Christianity without division.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "From the beginning it was not so" (Mt. 19:8.) "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Mt. 19:6.) "In this passage the Pharisees showed that they accepted the popular concept of easy divorce because it had gone on a long time and had been practiced by many people sincerely. But Jesus called their thinking back to how marriage was in God's plan in the beginning.

**QUESTIONS**

Which should decide our view of marriage, popular concepts and practices or God's original plan? \_\_\_\_\_  
Was easy divorce right according to Jesus because it was widely accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Did the Pharisees accept a concept of marriage which was not God's plan from the beginning? (yes, no.)  
Have we today accepted a concept of divided Christianity which was not God's plan in the beginning? (yes, no.)  
Is God pleased after He has joined two in marriage if man divides the home? (yes, no.)  
Is God pleased if after He originated the church men have divided it? (yes, no.)

**A KINGDOM DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND,  
AND JESUS CALLED THE CHURCH HIS KINGDOM.**

The strength of the church is pictured by Jesus as an undivided kingdom or city.



**JESUS SAID:** "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city and house divided against itself shall not stand" (Mt. 12:25.) "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it, and I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 16:18, 19.)

**QUESTIONS**

Name 3 divided things which will fall? \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Like a city built upon a rock plateau, what would not be prevailed against? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Is the church like a kingdom? (yes, no.)

Will a church divided against itself fall like a divided city or kingdom? (yes, no.)

Does Jesus have many kingdoms? (yes, no.)

Can I have my kingdom and you have yours? (yes, no.)

**THE CHURCH OR KINGDOM WAS BUILT BY CHRIST  
AND NOTHING HAS PREVAILED AGAINST IT.**

Because Jesus is the foundation, builder, and king of the kingdom, it cannot be prevailed against.



**JESUS SAID:** "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18.) "There be some standing here who shall not taste of death til they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom" (v. 28.) "We receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved" (Heb. 12:28.)

**QUESTIONS**

Who built Christ's church? \_\_\_\_\_

Whose kingdom did the apostles witness the coming of? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of kingdom did early Christians receive? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Did Jesus build the church as He promised? (yes, no.)

Has this church been overcome? (yes, no.)

Is the church Jesus built in the world today? (yes, no.)

**CHRIST'S KINGDOM BEGAN ON PENTECOST DAY OF  
ACTS 2 AS MEN WERE ADDED TO THE CHURCH  
(WHICH IS HIS KINGDOM.)**

This was Jesus' coronation day, the day He became king and saved men became members of His kingdom.



**JESUS PROMISED TO HIS APOSTLES:** "There be some of them that stand here which shall not taste of death til they have seen the kingdom of God come with power" (Mk. 9:1.) "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8.) "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (2:4.) "Being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear" (2:33.)

**QUESTIONS**

In Mk. 9:1 the kingdom was to come with \_\_\_\_\_ .  
In Acts 1:8 power was to come with \_\_\_\_\_ .  
If the Holy Ghost came on Pentecost, what also came? \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

Was the kingdom to come when the power came? (yes, no.)  
Was the power to come with the Holy Ghost? (yes, no.)  
Did the kingdom come when the Holy Ghost brought the power on Pentecost? (yes, no.)  
When the kingdom came were men added to the church? (yes, no.)

**"KINGDOM" AND "CHURCH" ARE TWO OF MANY  
BIBLE DESCRIPTIONS OF ORIGINAL CHRISTIANITY.**

Since Christianity is spiritual, material figures and likenesses must be used to describe it.



**BIBLE FIGURES AND DESCRIPTIONS ARE:** "The church which is His (Christ's) body" (Eph. 1:22, 23.) "In the house (family, v. 5) of God which is the church" (1 Tim. 3:15.) "The flock. . . to feed the church" (Acts 20:28.) "Saul made havoc of the church. . . committed men and women to prison" (Acts 8:3.)

**QUESTIONS**

Name 3 figures for the church: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

How many bodies does Christ have? \_\_\_\_\_

Families? \_\_\_\_\_ Flocks? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

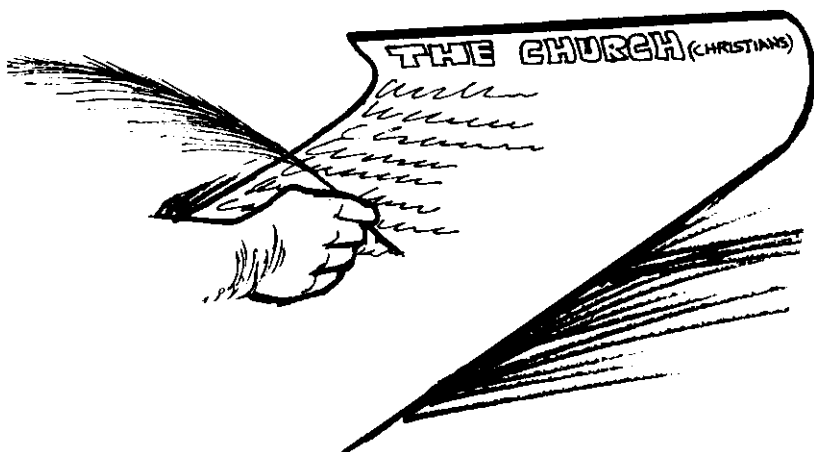
Would many bodies violate the figure of one body (see Eph. 4:4.)?  
(yes, no.)

Saul persecuted the church by persecuting people (yes, no.)

The church is saved people (yes, no.)

**PEOPLE ADDED TO THE LORD WERE CALLED  
"CHRISTIANS" OR "THE CHURCH."**

Antioch Christians were people added to the Lord or added to the church.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** The Lord Jesus was preached at Antioch (Acts 11:20.) Many believed and turned to the Lord (v. 21.) These were added to the Lord (v. 24.) These people were the church and were called Christians (v. 26.)

**QUESTIONS**

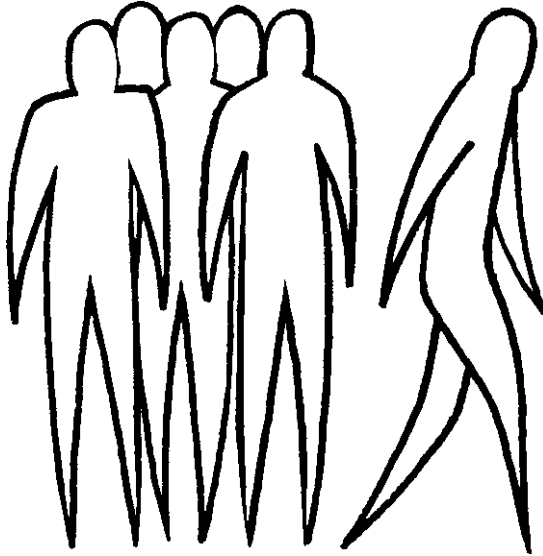
Name 2 steps in their response: \_\_\_\_\_  
What then happened? \_\_\_\_\_  
Give 2 names they were called: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

People added to the Lord were called Christians or the church (yes, no.)  
Were all who were added to the Lord also in the church? (yes, no.)  
Were all Antioch Christians in the Antioch church? (yes, no.)  
Are all Christians today in the church? (yes, no.)

**THE WORD "CHURCH" MEANS "CALLED OUT PEOPLE," NEVER A BUILDING, A DENOMINATION, OR ALL DENOMINATIONS.**

Greek: ek: out; kaleo: called: "called out people."



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "The church in the wilderness" (referring to Israelites called out of Egypt) (Acts 7:38) "Unto the church of the Thessalonians" (I Thes. 1:1.) "For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the savior of the body." (Eph. 5:23.)

**QUESTIONS**

Israelites CALLED OUT of Egypt were called the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The Thessalonians made up the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ of the church and \_\_\_\_\_ of the body.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The church is always people: (yes, no.)  
Is a church building ever called a church in the Bible? (yes, no.)  
Is Jesus Savior and Head of a building? (yes, no.)  
Is the word **church** ever used in the Bible for a denomination? (yes, no.)  
For all denominations? (yes, no.)

**SINCE THE CHURCH IS CHRISTIANS, BEING BORN AGAIN ADDS ONE TO THE KINGDOM OR CHURCH.**

The Bible expressions describing how one becomes a Christian also show the undenominational nature of the church.



**JESUS SAID:** "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:5.) "God hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son" (Col. 1:13.) "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47.)

**QUESTIONS**

Being bom of water and Spirit causes one to enter the \_\_\_\_\_.  
God has translated us out of darkness into the \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Lord added the saved to the \_\_\_\_\_.

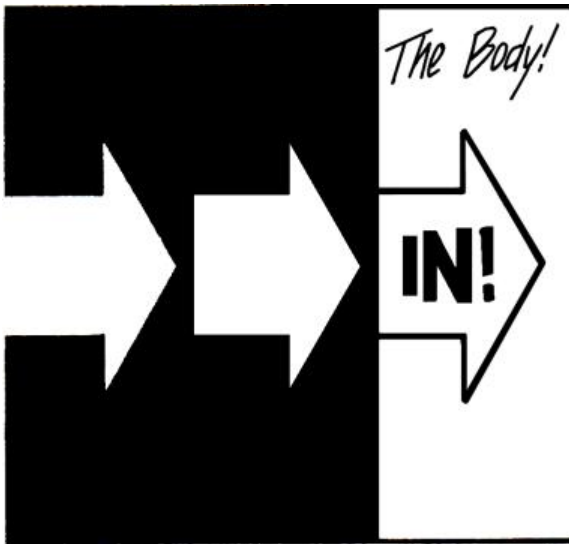
**CONCLUSIONS**

By becoming Christians people became members of the kingdom:  
(yes, no.)  
By being bom again they entered the kingdom: (yes, no.)  
By being saved people were added by the Lord to the church:  
(yes, no.)  
Did anyone ever join the church after being saved? (yes, no.)  
If the church is the saved, could one help being in the church if he  
were saved? (yes, no.)



**THE CHURCH AS CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL BODY OVER WHICH HE IS THE HEAD SHOWS THAT CHRISTIANS ARE IN THE BODY THE MOMENT THEY BECOME CHRISTIANS.**

How could anyone be in Christ's body and not be in the church, since the church is His body?



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "He is the head of the body, the church" (Col. 1:18.) "For His body's sake which is the church" (v. 24.) "The church which is His body" (Eph. 1:22, 23.) "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular" (1 Cor. 12:27.) "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13.)

**QUESTIONS**

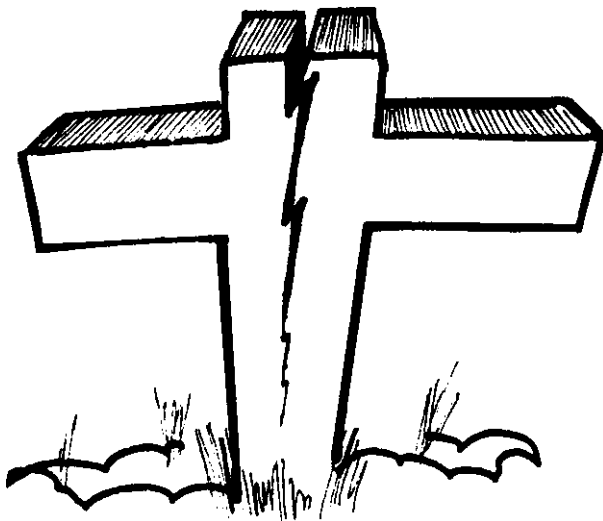
Several times the Bible says that Christ's body is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Christians are organs in the body which are called \_\_\_\_\_  
of the body.  
Who is the head? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Could a member of your body live and function apart from the body? (yes, no.)  
If a person is added to Christ, is he thereby a part of His body? (yes, no.)  
Does Jesus have more than one body? (yes, no.)  
Would many bodies under one Head be a monstrosity? (yes, no.)  
Were the Corinthians baptized into one body (the church)? (yes, no.)

**AFTER CHRISTIANITY WAS ESTABLISHED, BIBLE  
PREDICTIONS OF CHANGE AND PERVERSION  
TOLD OF COMING DEPARTURE.**

The Bible tells clearly how divisions came.



**PAUL WARNED:** "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel, which is not another, but there be some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:6-8.)

**QUESTIONS**

The Galatians were being removed unto another \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Trouble-makers were trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.  
Such false teachers should be \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

Did change occur soon after Christianity's beginning? (yes, no.)  
Since *pervert* means to *corrupt by changing*, had false teachers corrupted the gospel? (yes, no.)  
Is a changed gospel message a source of trouble today? (yes, no.)

**SOON AFTER THE CHURCH BEGAN, THE TRUTH WAS  
TURNED AWAY FROM BY TEACHERS WHO REFUSED  
SOUND DOCTRINE.**

We don't have to wonder what happened to pure original  
Christianity



**PAUL WARNED:** "Preach the word. . . for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears and they shall turn their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:2-4.)

**QUESTIONS**

What would men not endure? \_\_\_\_\_ .  
They shall turn away from the \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The motive for securing false teachers is their own \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

Could the church remain sound if its doctrine or teaching was  
unsound? (yes, no.)  
Since fables are foolish stories, is any departure from truth foolish?  
(yes, no.)  
Does the same Bible which shows clearly the beginning of the  
church also show how it was corrupted? (yes, no.)

**THE HOLY SPIRIT WARNED THAT FALSE TEACHERS  
WOULD DEPART FROM THE FAITH.**

The faith, the one true faith, was soon departed from.



**PAUL WARNED:** "The Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" (1 Tim. 4:1.)

**QUESTIONS**

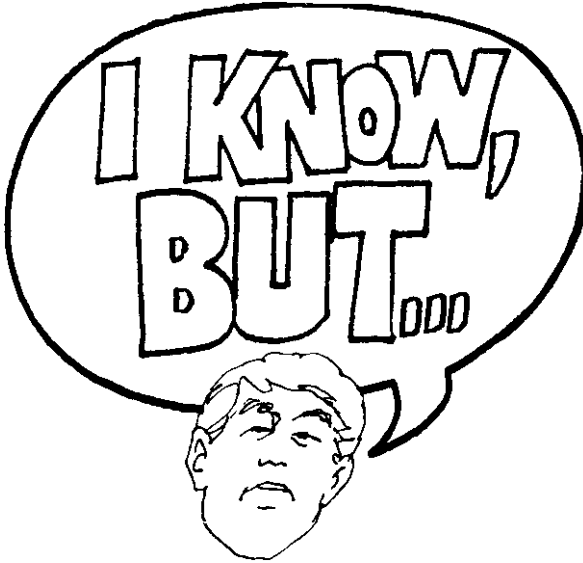
Who expressly warned of departure from the faith? \_\_\_\_\_  
Some were to depart from \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Heeding doctrines of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

If the Spirit clearly foretold a departure from the faith, can we be sure it happened? (yes, no.)  
If departures from the true faith happened as predicted, would this cause the origin of "faiths" other than the true faith? (yes, no.)  
Would this account for many faiths instead of one faith today? (yes, no.)  
Does the Bible clearly predict the departures from one true faith to many faiths? (yes, no.)

**MEN SOON CAUSED DIVISIONS AND OFFENSES BY  
CHANGES IN DOCTRINE OR TEACHING.**

Since doctrine is basic to unity, changes in doctrine forced false teachers to be avoided.



**PAUL WARNED:** "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17.)

**QUESTIONS**

What 2 kinds of problems were caused? \_\_\_\_\_

What 2 things were to be done to division-causers? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Was *the doctrine* which the Romans had learned the basis of Christian unity? (yes, no.)

Were different doctrines which men soon taught the basis of divisions and offenses? (yes, no.)

Could the Roman Christians accept into their fellowship teachers of division-causing doctrines? (yes, no.)

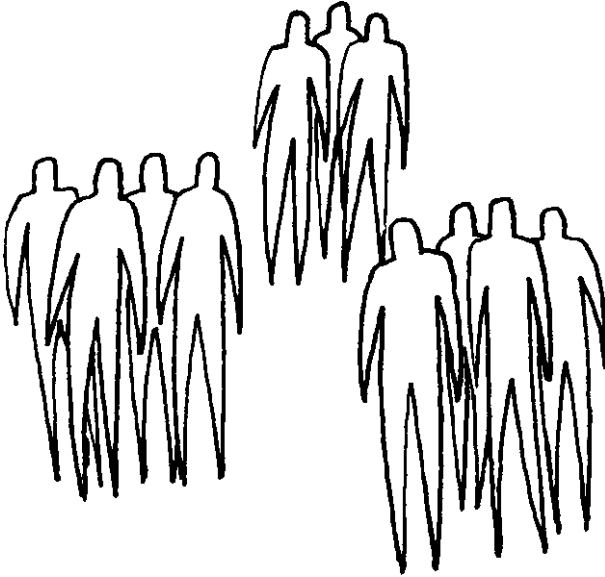
Can Christians today be united today in fellowship as long as different doctrines are taught? (yes, no.)

If the one true doctrine which Paul taught were restored today, could all churches be one? (yes, no.)

Would the Romans have been narrow-minded to obey Paul and disfellowship those causing divisions by different doctrines? (yes, no.)

**UNITY AMONG EARLY CHRISTIANS WAS SOON  
DIVIDED BY CHRISTIANS DENOMINATING  
THEMSELVES WITH MEN'S NAMES.**

Denominating is *causing divisions over names*.



**PAUL WARNED:** "There are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul" (1 Cor. 1:11-13.)

**QUESTIONS**

Names were causing \_\_\_\_\_ among the Corinthians. The human tendency to exalt men had caused \_\_\_\_\_ to be divided because Christians were divided.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Were contentions in the church at Corinth the result of separations resulting from wearing men's names? (yes, no.)

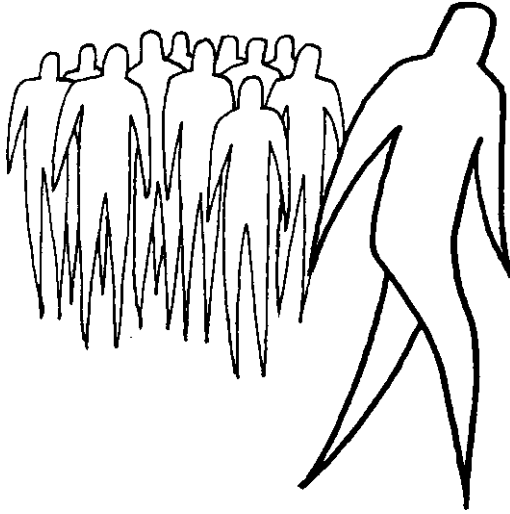
Should Christians wear the names of men who baptized them? (yes, no.)

Did we today inherit a condition which began by divisions over preachers and names? (yes, no.)

Were the Corinthians to wear any name other than His who was crucified for them and into whose name they had been baptized (Christ)? (yes, no.)

**PAUL WARNED OF A DEPARTURE FROM THE CHURCH WHICH HAD BEEN PURCHASED WITH CHRIST'S BLOOD.**

Like departures from the truth, the faith, the doctrine, and the unity.



**PAUL WARNED CHURCH ELDERS:** "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.)

**QUESTIONS**

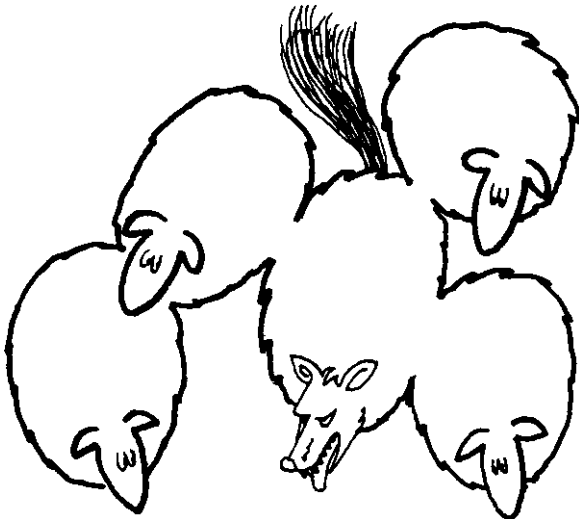
The church was purchased with \_\_\_\_\_ .  
It is likened to a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
What 2 things were these overseers to take heed to? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Does the church need to be guarded from departure? (yes, no.)  
Was the church bought with Jesus' blood? (yes, no.) Is the church called a flock? (yes, no.)  
Like a flock needs guarding, does the church need guarding from straying? (yes, no.)

**FALSE LEADERS LIKE WOLVES WOULD SCATTER  
AND DIVIDE THE FLOCK, THE CHURCH.**

Perverted (changed) teachings scattered the church.



**PAUL CONTINUES:** "For I know this that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:29, 30.)

**QUESTIONS**

Grief-causing wolves are \_\_\_\_\_ wolves.  
They would not spare the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
They would speak \_\_\_\_\_ things and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ disciples.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Would the flock (church) be spared? (yes, no.)  
Would men draw away disciples from the church? (yes, no.)  
Would perverted teachings cause a scattering of the church? (yes, no.)  
Would each false teacher and his followers continue in the church? (yes, no.)  
Does the Bible here show how groups began which were departures from the church? (yes, no.)



**ROMAN CATHOLICISM EMERGED FROM  
THESE DEPARTURES FROM THE FAITH, THE  
TRUTH, THE DOCTRINE, AND THE CHURCH.**

It is the embodiment and result of error.



**THE SPIRIT PREDICTED:** "Some shall depart from the faith. . . forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats" (1 Tim. 4:1, 3.)

**QUESTIONS**

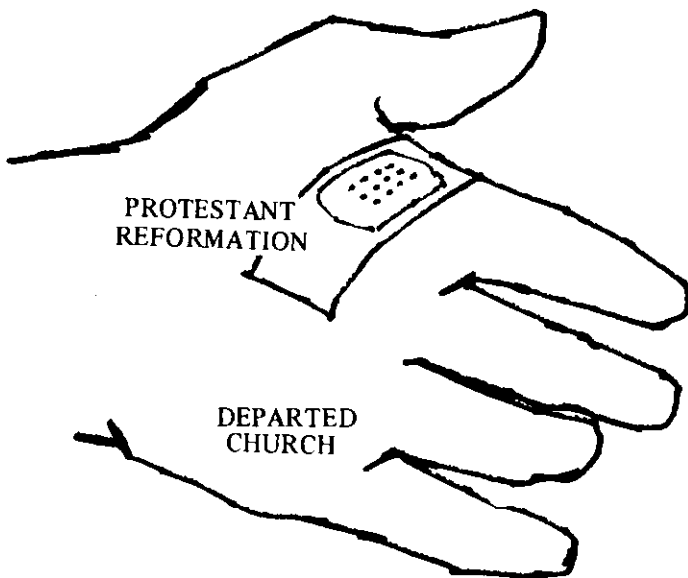
What 2 errors were the results of departure from the faith?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and commanding \_\_\_\_\_  
Since these are Catholic errors, is Catholicism a result from  
departure from the faith? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Was forbidding to marry a doctrine taught before men departed  
from the faith? (yes, no.)  
Was abstaining from meats a perverted teaching which led men  
away? (yes, no.)  
Was original Christianity Catholicism? (yes, no.)  
Was there a pope, holy water, arch-bishops, or any other  
distinctive Catholic doctrine taught in the early church before  
departure?  
(yes, no.)

**AFTER 1,000 YEARS OF DOMINATION BY A DEPARTED  
CHURCH, PROTESTANT LEADERS BEGAN  
THE REFORMATION.**

They said, "Let us return to the Bible."



**Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, the Wesley brothers** and others led a world that was sick and tired of Catholicism and Anglicanism to a new awakening. Men were urged to forsake human traditions and return to original Christianity.

**QUESTIONS**

Give 4 names of Protestant reformers: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

What was the world sick of? \_\_\_\_\_

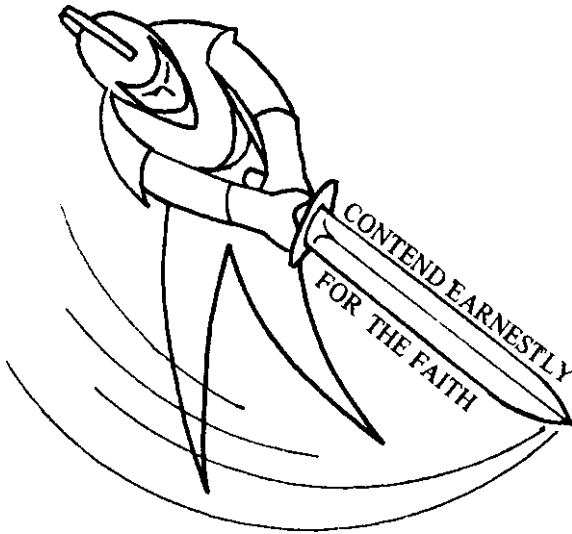
Men were urged to forsake what? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Martin Luther, himself a Catholic monk, could see the difference between Catholicism and true Christianity (yes, no.) Did the work of these great reformers reproduce original Christianity with its one faith, one truth, one doctrine? (yes, no.) Did their followers even cause further division by wearing their names and traditionalizing their beliefs? (yes, no.)

**WITH A BIBLE PERSPECTIVE OF HOW MEN DEPARTED  
FROM THE FAITH, WE CAN CONTEND EARNESTLY FOR  
THE FAITH TODAY.**

We must go back to the faith before it was corrupted.



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3.)

**QUESTIONS**

We must \_\_\_\_\_ for the faith.

The faith was \_\_\_\_\_ to the saints.

Instead of for our inherited religious traditions we should contend for \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSIONS**

In the midst of many faiths can a Christian contend for *the faith*? (yes, no.)

Will new faiths or other deliverances to the saints (Christians) be given? (yes, no.)

Must we go back to the faith as revealed once for all in the Bible? (yes, no.)

Is it possible to contend for the first-century faith today? (yes, no.)

Is there any other way to get back to original Christianity? (yes, no.)

**EVERYTHING ABOUT ORIGINAL CHRISTIANITY THAT  
WAS DEPARTED FROM MUST BE RESTORED.**

The Gospel, the truth, the faith, the doctrine, the unity, the church.



**AS MOSES WAS WARNED:** "Make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount" (Heb. 8:5.)

**QUESTIONS**

Moses in building the tabernacle was to make how many things according to the pattern? \_\_\_\_\_

What word indicates that God's plan, not Moses' plan, was to be followed? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Do Christians have a blueprint or pattern of original Christianity? (yes, no.)

Was Moses allowed to follow his own plan? (yes, no.)

Is restoring the church more important even than building the tabernacle? (yes, no.)

Must we today make all things according to the New Testament pattern? (yes, no.)

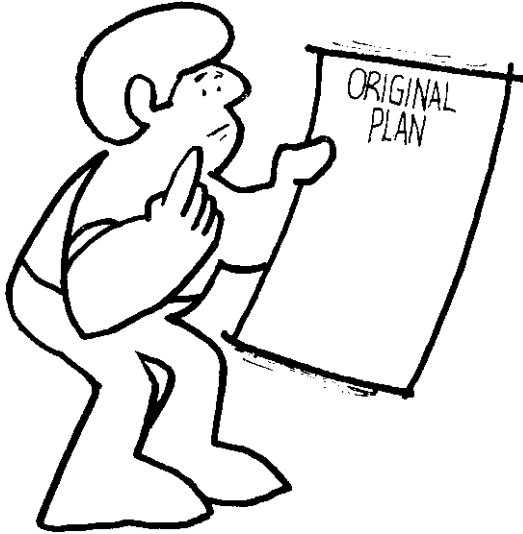
If we do so, will original Christianity be restored? (yes, no.)

Would God's tabernacle be restored today if God's blueprint were followed exactly? (yes, no.)

Would God's original church be restored if God's blueprint were followed exactly? (yes, no.)

**WE MUST BACK UP AND HOOK ONTO UNDENOMINATIONAL  
CHRISTIANITY AS IT WAS BEFORE  
IT WAS DEPARTED FROM.**

"Contend for the faith once delivered to the saints."



**JEREMIAH SAID:** "Ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls" (Jer. 6:16.)

**QUESTIONS**

What did the prophet Jeremiah say to ask for and walk in?

If the way he meant was the way of God's Word (the Old Testament), what would be the old paths for us to go back to? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

If one gets off the right road, can he be right by staying on a wrong road? (yes, no.)

Must we restore the faith as it was before corrupted? (yes, no.)

The truth? (yes, no.) The doctrine? (yes, no.) The unity? (yes, no.)

The church? (yes, no.)

**RESTORING EVERYTHING THAT WAS DEPARTED FROM  
AUTOMATICALLY RESTORES THE  
ORIGINAL CHURCH.**

The restored church is as undenominational as the restored truth.



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**QUESTIONS**

This prediction says that the flock (or church) would be corrupted and disciples led away from it. Whose church? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did it cost? \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

If the church was departed from, must the church be restored? (yes, no.)

If God's truth is restored and God's one faith, doctrine, and unity are restored, will a denomination be the result? (yes, no.) If God's church purchased with Christ's blood is restored, will it be a denomination? (yes, no.)

**CALLING CHRISTIANITY A SECT DID NOT MAKE IT  
SECTARIAN: CALLING THE CHURCH A  
DENOMINATION TODAY DOES NOT MAKE IT ONE.**

Sect is a Bible word for denomination.



**PAUL SAID:** "After the way which they call a sect (heresy), so worship I the God of my fathers" (Acts 24:14.) The Jews said: "This sect, we know that it is everywhere spoken against" (Acts 28:22.)

**QUESTIONS**

Before Felix, a Roman governor, Paul said he belonged to what men called a \_\_\_\_\_.

The Jews called Christianity a \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Did Paul admit being a member of a sect? (yes, no.) Did calling what Paul belonged to a sect make it a sect? (yes, no.) Can we today worship God in what men may call a sect when in reality it is not a sect? (yes, no.)

If Christianity was everywhere in Paul's day spoken against as a sect, should we be surprised if it is everywhere today called a denomination? (yes, no.)

**THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
"AMERICAN CITIZENS" AND "THE AMERICAN  
CITIZENS PARTY."**

Another Bible word for denomination is party.



**THE WORKS OF THE FLESH INCLUDE:** "idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties.. (Gal. 5:20.)

**QUESTIONS**

Factions, divisions, and religious parties come from the \_\_\_\_\_ , not from the Spirit.

Are factions, divisions, and parties as bad as idolatry and sorcery?

**CONCLUSIONS**

Dividing into religious parties is a fleshly sin: (yes, no.)

Can an American be an American without being an American citizen? (yes, no.)

Can he be an American without being in the American Citizens Political Party? (yes, no.)

Is being in an American party different from being an American? (yes, no.)

Is being in a religious party different from being a Christian? (yes, no.)



**IF IN A UNION MEETING A GROUP OF CONVERTS TO  
CHRIST JOIN NO DENOMINATION, IN WHICH  
CHURCH WOULD THEY BE?**

No one ever joined the church in the New Testament.



**THE BIBLE SAYS OF THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIANS:** 'And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved' (Acts 2:47.)

**QUESTIONS**

The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the original Christians to the \_\_\_\_\_  
such as should be \_\_\_\_\_.

Were any saved that were not added? \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONCLUSIONS**

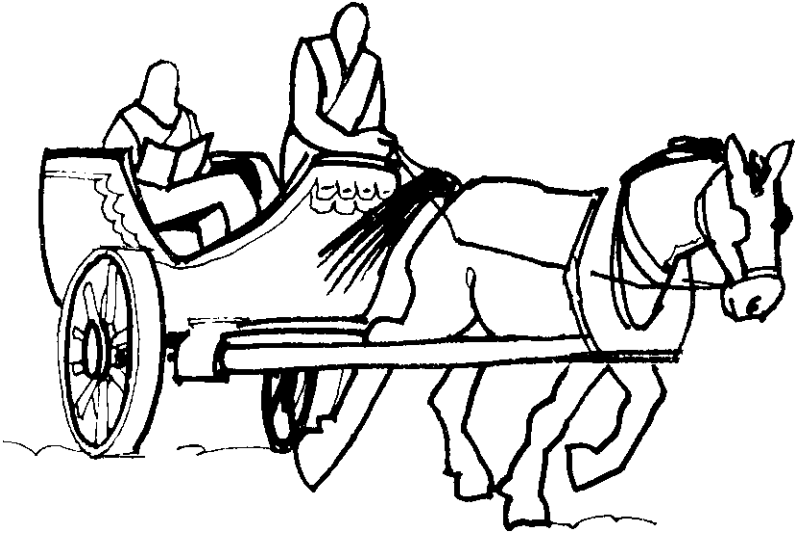
Suppose saved converts in a union meeting should be invited to join the denomination of their choice, and all did but ten. Would these ten belong to any church without joining a denomination? (yes, no.)

If Jesus added the saved to the church originally, does He still? (yes, no.)

If these ten worshipped and worked together faithfully as Christians, would they be like early Christians? (yes, no.)

## WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIAN WAS THE ETHIOPIAN?

Can't we be undenominational as he was?



**HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM:** Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus. . . and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him. . . and he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:35-39.)

### QUESTIONS

Did this man become a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

Was he saved exactly as God wanted him saved? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he join any denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

### CONCLUSIONS

Can we become Christians exactly like the Ethiopian did? (yes, no.)

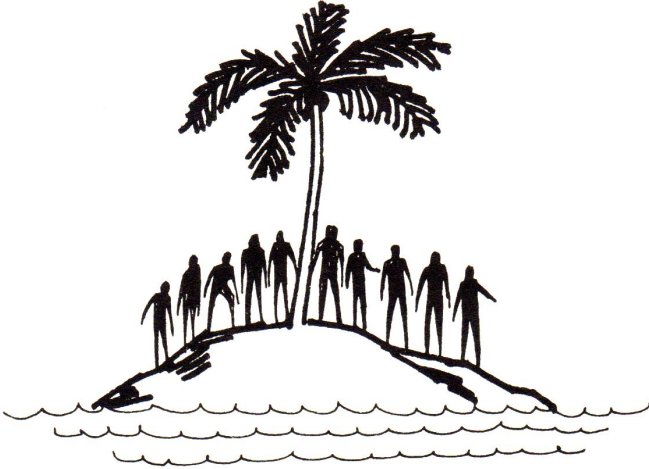
Was he any kind of Christian? (yes, no.)

Can we be Christians without being any kind? (yes, no.)

If denominations all originated centuries after this conversion, can we go back behind them all and be added to the church as the Ethiopian was? (yes, no.)

**IF TEN OF US WERE MAROONED ON A DESERT ISLAND, COULD WE JUST BE CHRISTIANS?**

Could we refuse to be kinds of Christians?



Imagine finding ourselves marooned on a lonely island with nothing to read but a Bible. Could we read it and learn how to become Christians as the Ethiopian did? Could we worship exactly as the Jerusalem church did? Could we do this without joining any denomination?

**QUESTIONS**

What church would we be in? \_\_\_\_\_

Would it be a denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind (if any kind) of Christians would we be? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

.If ten marooned Christians can be undenominational, could 100?  
(yes, no.)

Could 1,000? (yes, no.) Could  
all Christians? (yes, no.)

Is there any kind that is better than being a Christian like the  
Ethiopian? (yes, no.)

**WHAT MAKES PEOPLE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE  
KIND OF CHRISTIANS THE ETHIOPIAN WAS?**

Traditions: handed down beliefs.



**CALLED:** "Commandments of men that turn from the truth" (Titus 1:14.) "Why do ye transgress the commandments of God by your tradition? Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. But in vain they do worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mt. 15:3-9.)

**QUESTION**

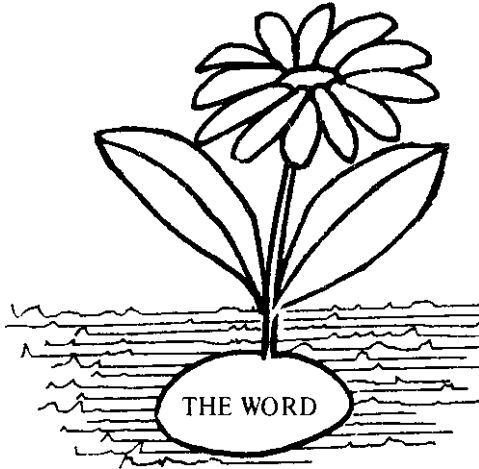
What 4 things had tradition done? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

According to Jesus is religious tradition good or bad? (good, bad.)  
Could it cause us to turn from the truth today? (yes, no.) Could it  
cause us to transgress God's commandments? (yes, no.) Could it  
cause us to make God's commands of none effect? (yes, no.)  
Could we today be worshipping in vain by men's commandments?  
(yes, no.)

**THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SEED OF THE KINGDOM,  
WHICH IF PLANTED ALONE, REPRODUCES ONLY THE  
CHURCH.**

The kingdom of Christ is the church.



**JESUS SAID:** "The seed is the word of God." (Lk. 8:11.) "When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom. . ." (Mt. 13:19.) "God said, let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself (Gen. 1:12.)

**QUESTIONS**

In likening Christianity (or the church) to a sower sowing seeds, what was represented by the seed? \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
It was called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Plants always produce after their \_\_\_\_\_ .

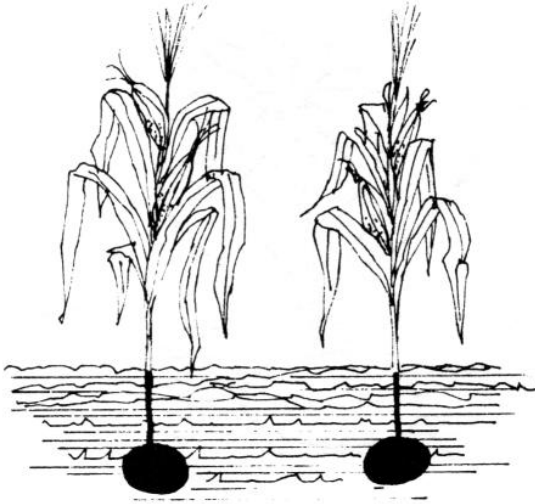
**CONCLUSIONS**

Do seeds sometimes produce after another kind? (yes, no.) If the word is the seed of the kingdom, will the kingdom come up if the seed is planted? (yes, no.)

Will the pure, original word of God ever produce anything other than the kingdom as it was in the first century? (yes, no.) If something else is produced, has something else been sown? (yes, no.)

**IF A 2,000 YEAR OLD SEED IS FOUND IN A PYRAMID AND COMES UP, WHAT KIND OF WHEAT WOULD IT BE?**

Seeds always produce after their kind.



**PAUL SAID:** "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6.) "The herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself (Gen. 1:12.) "Can the fig tree bear olive hemes? Either a vine, figs?" (Jas. 3:12.)

**QUESTIONS**

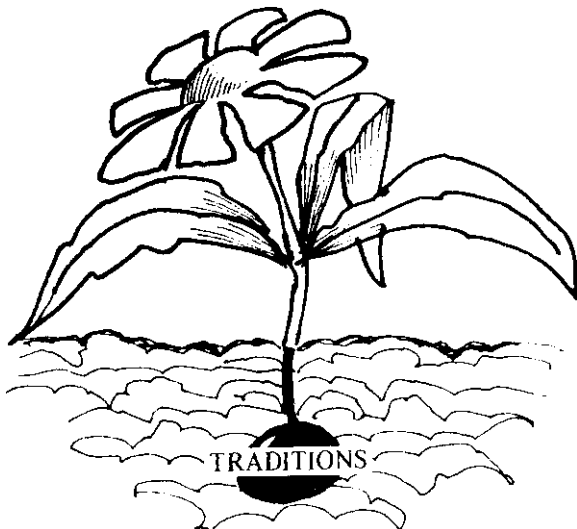
Would a 2,000 year old seed produce the exact kind of first century wheat as the seed came from? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would the 2,000 year old New Testament produce the exact church as in the first century? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Would another kind of seed have to be sown for another kind of Christianity to come up? (yes, no.)  
Could different kinds of Christianity come up from the same seed? (yes, no )  
Are God's spiritual laws of reproduction as unalterable as the physical" (yes, no.)

## HUMAN TRADITIONS WHEN SOWN PRODUCE HUMAN INSTITUTIONS

Each seed produces after its kind.



**JESUS SAID:** "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up" (Mt. 15:13.) "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field, but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat" (Mt. 13:24, 25.) "The harvest is the end of the world" (Mt. 13:39.)

### QUESTIONS

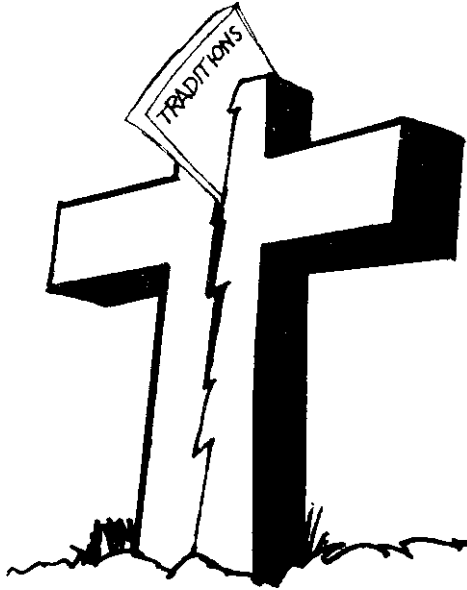
God does what to plants which He did not plant? \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus explained that bad plants produced by bad seed are allowed to grow alongside good plants until the harvest at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ .

### CONCLUSIONS

Does Jesus say that the world will have good and bad religious plants in it? (yes, no.)  
Is the seed being bad the thing which makes the plants bad? (yes, no.)  
Will God root up religious plants which have not come from the Bible? (yes, no.)

## TRADITION IS THE MAJOR CAUSE OF RELIGIOUS PERVERSION

A tradition is a *handed down* inherited belief.



**PAUL WARNED:** "Not giving heed to Jewish fables and command- ments of men that turn from the truth" (Titus 1:14.)

### QUESTIONS

What do men have a tendency to turn from? \_\_\_\_\_

Christians must not \_\_\_\_\_ to such men and their perversions.

What is the basic meaning of a tradition? \_\_\_\_\_

### CONCLUSIONS

Is a teaching true just because it is handed down by generations?  
(yes, no.)

Is a religious practice good just because it has been inherited from good people? (yes, no.)

Is it possible for men's commandments to be contrary to the truth?  
(yes, no.)

If a tradition is found to be in conflict with the Bible, the word of Truth, should one hold on to his tradition? (yes, no.)



**MEN OFTEN TRANSGRESS THE COMMANDMENT OF  
GOD BY THEIR TRADITION.**

God's commands must be obeyed instead of men's.



**JESUS ASKED:** "Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?" (Mt. 15:3.)

**QUESTIONS**

In reply to the accusation from the Jewish leaders that Jesus' disciples were violating the elders' traditions, what did Jesus accuse them of? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus here shows that what 2 things are often in conflict?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Can a person transgress the commandment of God by accepting an inherited religious tradition? (yes, no.)

Does sincerity in accepting an inherited tradition make it right? (yes, no.)

Is it a tendency of men to be found holding to their traditions instead of God's commands? (yes, no.)

**GOD'S COMMANDS CAN BE VIOLATED BY HOLDING  
HUMAN TRADITION.**

Tradition-keeping in religion is dangerous.



**JESUS SAID:** "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." (Mt. 15:6.)

**QUESTIONS**

Jewish tradition allowed a gift to the temple to relieve a person from his duty to honor or support his parents (see Mt. 15:4-6.) Thus God's command said to support parents, and tradition said this was unnecessary. What words show how tradition had voided one of the 10 commandments? "Ye made the command- ment of \_\_\_\_\_."

**CONCLUSIONS**

Did these, Jewish leaders think that they pleased God while their tradition made void God's command? (yes, no.)  
Is it possible to fail to keep a command because of a tradition handed down by our religious leaders? (yes, no.)

## WORSHIP BY HUMAN TRADITION IS VAIN.

*Vain means empty, useless, worthless.*



**JESUS WARNED:** "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mt. 15:9.)

### QUESTIONS

Vain means \_\_\_\_\_.

Teaching for doctrines the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ makes worship vain.

If a practice in worship today is commanded by religious leaders but violates God's command, it is in \_\_\_\_\_.

### CONCLUSIONS

Is all worship acceptable to God? (yes, no.)

Are men at liberty to substitute their traditions for God's commands in worship? (yes, no.)

Were these Jewish leaders causing mass vain worship by causing worshippers to follow tradition? (yes, no.)

**WE HAVE GROWN UP IN A TRADITION-BOUND  
RELIGIOUS ATMOSPHERE.**



**PAUL WARNED:** "Which all are to perish with the using, after the commandments and doctrines of men" (Col. 2:22.)

**QUESTIONS**

Paul had just warned the Colossian Christians against human ordinances required by their religious leaders. He then says that traditions of men will all \_\_\_\_\_.

Name 2 things men often hold to in religion: human \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Do men's traditions have a good reputation in the Bible? (yes, no.)

Was Paul's day tradition-prone religiously? (yes, no.)

Is our day? (yes, no.)

**EVERY BELIEF AND PRACTICE MUST BE EXAMINED BY  
SCRIPTURE**

I can be following tradition unawares



**THE BIBLE SAYS:** "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thes. 5:21, 22.) "Beloved, believe not every spirit but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 Jn. 4:1.)

**QUESTIONS**

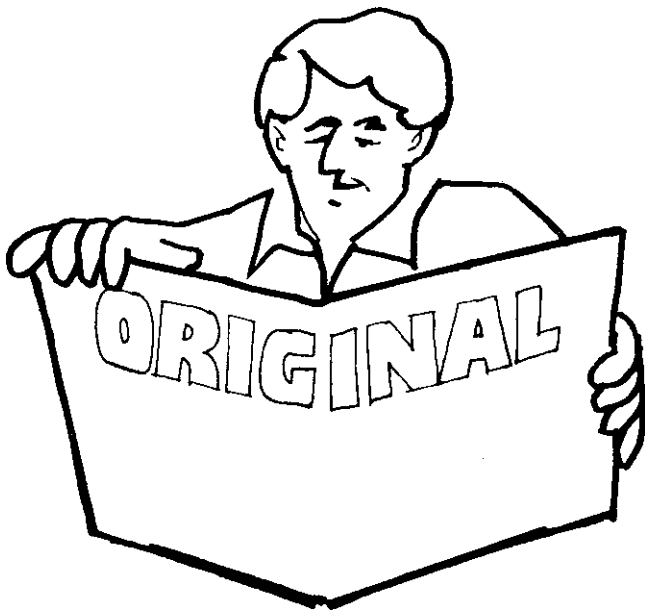
Christians are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ all things.  
After proving a thing it will be found to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.  
We must not \_\_\_\_\_ every spirit but must \_\_\_\_\_  
them.  
Many \_\_\_\_\_ are in the world.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Could a person be holding to a human practice unknowingly unless he examines all things? (yes, no.)  
Should we believe everyone and everything? (yes, no.)  
Does the world have many false prophets? (yes, no.)

**THE BIBLE IS THE MEANS OF PROVING ALL PRACTICES.**

If a practice or doctrine is not Biblical, it is false.



**THE PEOPLE OF BEREA WERE NOBLE:** "in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11.)

**QUESTIONS**

What did they search? \_\_\_\_\_

If what they heard wasn't there, it was not \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

Can a religious doctrine or practice be so if it is not in the Bible?  
(yes, no.)

Must we today examine from the Bible everything we hear,  
believe, or practice? (yes, no.)

Can we today be noble if we fail to examine all from the Bible?  
(yes, no.)

**THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE IS THE ONLY BASIS OF  
KNOWING GOD.**

Thinking we know God isn't necessarily knowing Him.



**JOHN SAID OF THE APOSTLES:** "We are of God, he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error" (I Jn. 4:6.)

**QUESTIONS**

Whom must Christians hear to know God? \_\_\_\_\_

By so hearing, we can distinguish what 2 things? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Does a man know God if he hears not the words of inspired men in the Bible? (yes, no.)

Hereby means that by apostolic words we know truth and error (yes, no.)

**RESTORING BIBLE AUTHORITY IS BASIC TO  
RESTORING BIBLE CHRISTIANITY.**

Authority is power to control.



**THE JEWS ASKED:** "By what authority doest thou these things?  
And who gave thee this authority?" (Mt. 21:23.)

**QUESTIONS**

When the Jews asked these questions, they asked basic questions. What has basically divided men religiously is the matter of authority in religion. What is authority? \_\_\_\_\_  
Give the 2 good questions the Jews asked:

**CONCLUSIONS**

Did the Jews have a right to ask Jesus for His authority? (yes, no.)  
Should every teacher and teaching be asked his authority? (yes, no.)  
If we do not agree upon a basis of authority, can we ever agree? (yes, no.)



**THE UNINSPIRED WORDS OF MEN HAVE BEEN  
ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY IN RELIGION.**

Tradition tends to take on authority for itself.



**JESUS ASKED:** "The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or of men?" (Mt. 21:25.)

**QUESTIONS**

Authority in religion must come from \_\_\_\_\_, not from \_\_\_\_\_.

Because \_\_\_\_\_ had authorized the baptizing done by John it was right.

When we examine every religious doctrine and practice today, we will find that each came from \_\_\_\_\_ or from \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSIONS**

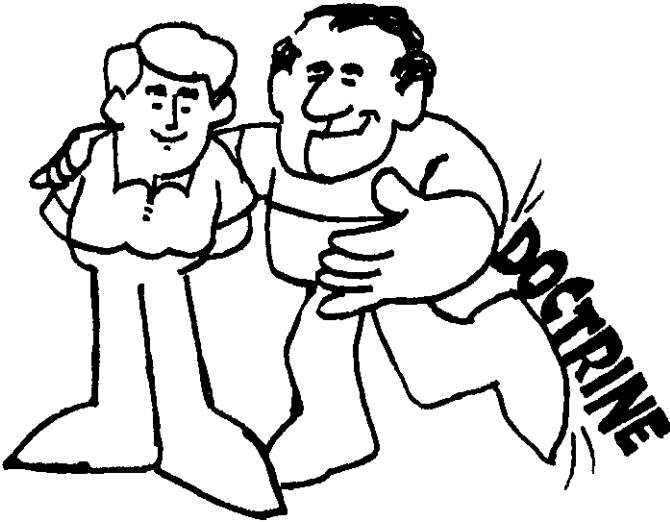
Do men have any authority to make doctrines and practices binding today? (yes, no.)

If a religious practice has been accepted for a long time, is it thus authoritative? (yes, no.)

Does acceptance by great multitudes of people make a doctrine right? (yes, no.)

**PLEASING MEN IN RELIGION IS DISPLEASING GOD.**

We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29.)



**JESUS SAID:** "That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (Lk. 16:15.) **PAUL SAID:** "if I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ`q" (Gal. 1:10.)

**QUESTIONS**

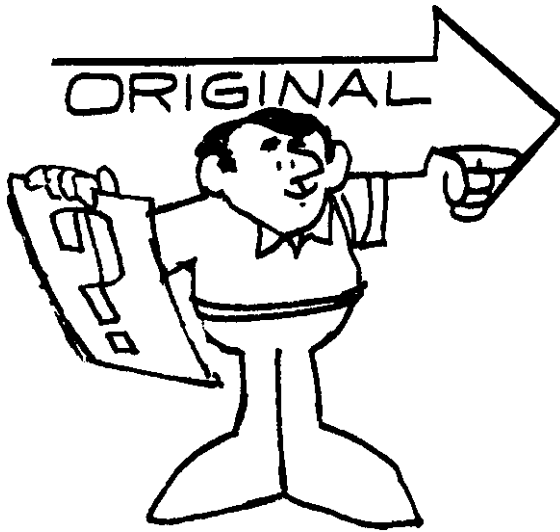
We must obey \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Paul could not please both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
What men highly esteem is \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Is God to be pleased instead of men? (yes, no.)  
Does it matter whether men are pleased, just so long as God is?  
(yes, no.)  
Could a practice please men today and yet displease God? (yes, no.)

## HOW COULD WE ALL AGREE AS TO A DEBATABLE MATTER?

For instance, how wide is this page?



**JESUS SAID:** "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Mt. 28:18.) "Far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named" (Eph. 1:21.)

### QUESTIONS

Put down your opinion as to the width of this page: \_\_\_\_ inches.

Only by bringing a \_\_\_\_\_ of authority (a ruler) could everyone agree on the correct width.

Who has all power or authority in Christianity? \_\_\_\_\_

### CONCLUSIONS

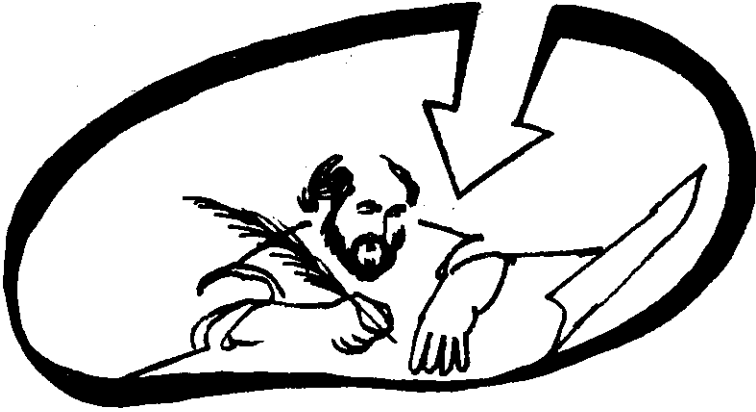
Does Jesus have authority in heaven but men have authority in religion on earth? (yes, no.)

Can we all accept Jesus' total authority and know we are right? (yes, no.)

Can all agree when a practice is measured by Jesus' authority? (yes, no.)

**JESUS PROMISED THAT THE APOSTLES WOULD BE  
GUIDED INTO ALL TRUTH.**

All revealed truth is in the New Testament.



**JESUS PROMISED:** "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth" (Jn. 16:13.) "He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you" (Jn. 14:26.)

**QUESTIONS**

The Spirit of Truth (Holy Spirit) guided the \_\_\_\_\_  
into all \_\_\_\_\_.

This did not mean men today would be inspired, but rather only those apostles who could \_\_\_\_\_ what Jesus had said, that is, His chosen first century apostles.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Is there any truth yet to be revealed after the New Testament was inspired? (yes, no.)

Did Jesus mean for the inspired New Testament to be the standard and authority of truth for all ages? (yes, no.)

Could all truth written by the apostles allow more truth to come later? (yes, no.)

**CHRISTIANS MUST BIND ONLY WHAT THE APOSTLES  
BOUND AND LOOSE ONLY WHAT THEY LOOSED.**

Otherwise we do not respect Jesus' authority.



**JESUS PROMISED HIS APOSTLES:** "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt. 18:18.)

**QUESTIONS**

I must require (bind) religiously what the \_\_\_\_\_  
bound.

I must not loose (consider unbound) anything \_\_\_\_\_  
by the \_\_\_\_\_.

What word in this promise shows the completeness of authority  
given the apostles? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

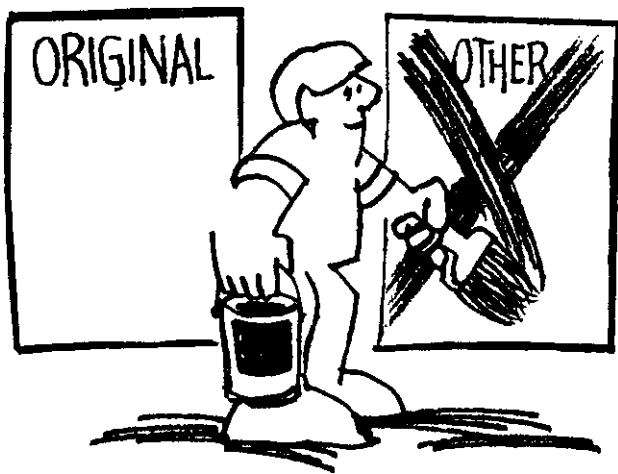
If the apostles did not bind a practice, can any man bind it today  
with Christ's authority? (yes, no.)

If I do not bind something bound by the apostles, am I acting by  
Jesus' authority? (yes, no.)

**THE WORD OF THE APOSTLES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT  
IS THE COMPLETE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST.**

"The Word of Truth" (2 Tim. 2:15.)

"The Word of His power" (Heb. 1:3.)



**PAUL SAID:** "The things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Cor. 14:37.)

**QUESTIONS**

The Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ inspired the apostles to write the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.

What the apostles wrote was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

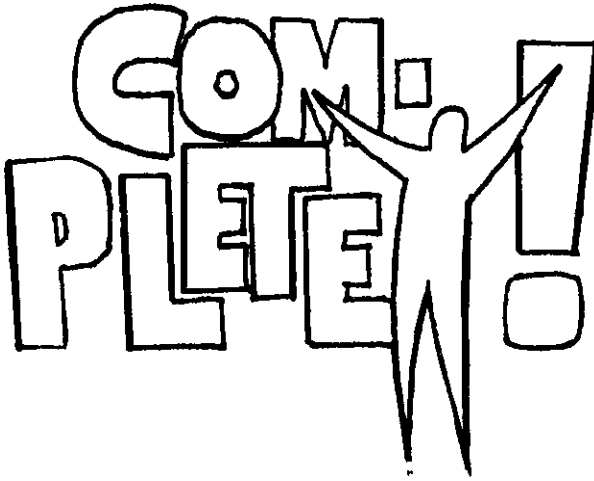
Is the Word of Truth (Bible) a safe and complete religious authority? (yes, no.)

Has God commanded anything not in the Bible? (yes, no.)

Can we apply the Bible to every religious question and thus learn what God's authority on that subject is? (yes, no.)

**INSPIRED SCRIPTURE THOROUGHLY FURNISHES THE  
CHRISTIAN UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS.**

"All things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3.)



THE BIBLE SAYS: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17.)

**QUESTIONS**

Scripture furnishes a Christian thoroughly unto all \_\_\_\_\_  
The scripture is God's complete \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Is the Bible God's complete instruction and doctrine to the Christian? (yes, no.)  
Can a man be perfectly furnished by Scripture without human books of authority? (yes, no.)

**THE BIBLE CAN BE UNDERSTOOD AND OBEYED BY  
ALL ALIKE.**

2 + 2 = 4 to all alike.



**PAUL COMMANDED:** "Be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17.)

**QUESTIONS**

Paul commanded \_\_\_\_\_ the will of the Lord.

Has God ever commanded the impossible? \_\_\_\_\_

If I understand a truth in the Bible, and you understand it, will we understand it alike? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

If Paul commanded us to understand God's will, is this possible? (yes, no.)

Can 2 + 2 = 4 be understood more than one way? (yes, no.)

If I understand it to be 5, do I understand it? (yes, no.)

Can two people both understand it and yet understand it differently? (yes, no.)



**BIBLE FAITH IN GOD MUST BE RESTORED TODAY IN  
AN UNBELIEVING WORLD.**

"They glorified Him not as God" (Rm. 1:21.)



**PAUL DESCRIBED UNBELIEVERS:** "They did not like to retain God in their knowledge" (Rm. 1:28.) "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, there is one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in you all" (Eph. 4:3, 6.)

**QUESTIONS**

Just claiming faith in God is not sufficient. We must glorify Him as \_\_\_\_\_ .

Instead of accepting the evidence for faith in God, men often \_\_\_\_\_ not to retain God in their \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

Do many men choose not to believe in God? (yes, no.)

Does the world have a tendency to drift from real faith in God?

(yes, no.)

Can Christians teach the God of the Bible and restore faith in God though many don't believe? (yes, no.)

**CHRISTIANS MUST RESTORE BIBLE FAITH IN CHRIST  
IN A CHRIST-LESS WORLD.**

"There is one Lord" (Eph. 4:5.)



**PAUL SAID:** "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them" (2 Cor. 4:4.)

**QUESTIONS**

Who keeps an unbelieving world from faith in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
Instead of being a mere man (as so many today believe), Jesus was  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
What light must shine on unbelievers? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Even though the world doesn't accept Christ as God's Son, can Christians show from the Bible the true Christ? (yes, no.)  
Can a Christian believe in Christ exactly as the Bible teaches in spite of the world's unbelief? (yes, no.)

## THE TRUE GOSPEL MUST BE RESTORED IN SPITE OF FALSE MESSAGES IN THE WORLD.

"Ye are so soon removed. . . unto another Gospel (Gal. 1:6.)



**PAUL WARNED:** "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:9.) "I declare unto you the gospel. . . that Christ died for our sins" (1 Cor. 15:1, 3.)

**THE GOSPEL:** Man's sins had to be punished by God's just nature. But Jesus, being God, suffered our punishment by taking our sins upon Himself upon the cross. This makes the Gospel the great news that Christ died for sinners, which punishment now we do not have to suffer as believers.

### CONCLUSIONS

In the midst of a world heedless of the good news, can we restore the true Gospel of the Bible? (yes, no.)

The Gospel message says that believers do not have to suffer for their sins because of Jesus' atoning death: (yes, no.)

**TRUE BIBLE CONVERSION TO CHRIST MUST BE  
RESTORED AMIDST TRADITIONAL FALSE  
CONVERSIONS.**

**'Preach the Gospel. . . He that believeth and is baptized shall be  
aved'" (Mk. 16:15, 16.)**



**ACTS 8:35, 36 SAYS PHILIP:** "preached unto him Jesus, and as they went on their way they came unto a certain water, and the eunuch said, See, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

**QUESTIONS**

After the eunuch understood that the scripture he read meant that Jesus took upon Himself our sins, he wanted to do what?

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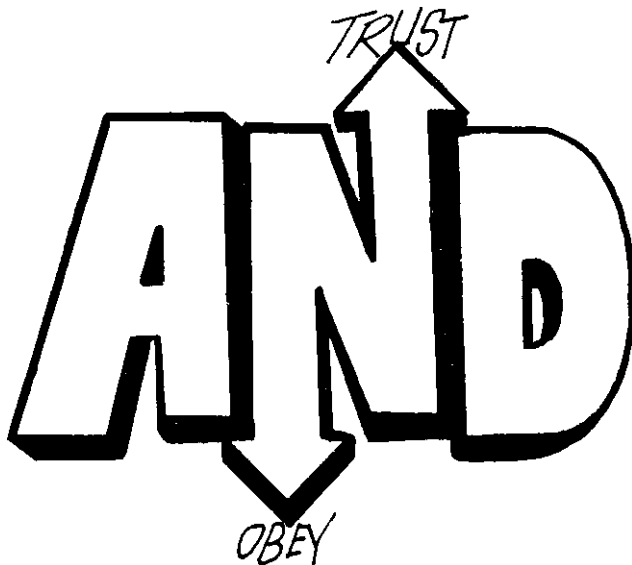
When Jesus as man's sin-offering was preached, the eunuch wanted to be baptized into Christ's death so as to have the forgiveness found in His suffering (Rm. 6:3.)

**CONCLUSIONS**

When the death of Jesus is preached and believed, baptism unites one to Christ's death where forgiveness is: (see Rm. 6:3-5.) (yes, no.)

## OBEDIENT FAITH TO THE GOSPEL PURIFIES ONES SOUL.

"Ye are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:26, 27.)



**I PET. 1:22 SAYS:** "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth." "Ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness"

(Rm. 6:17, 18.)

### QUESTIONS

Though Jesus' death is the basis of our purification, the point or time of that cleansing is when we \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.

Being then refers to when we \_\_\_\_\_ from the heart.

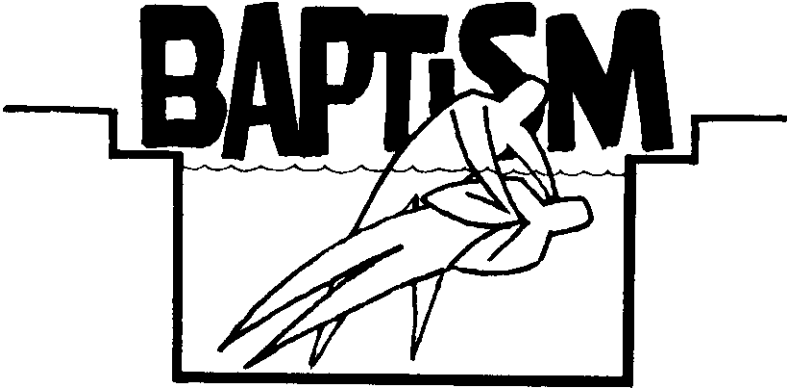
### CONCLUSIONS

Will obeying error or human tradition purify one's soul? (yes, no.)

Must one's faith come to the point of obedience in baptism in order to bring salvation? (yes, no.)

**WITH THE BIBLE AS OUR ONLY AUTHORITY,  
SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM WILL BE RESTORED.**

"There is one baptism" (Eph. 4:5.)



"Buried with Him in baptism" (Col. 2:12.) Baptism is a burial (as to its form.)

"They were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12.)

Infants were not qualified for baptism.

"Be baptized. . . for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38.) Not because sins have already been forgiven. (See also Acts 22:16.)

**CONCLUSIONS**

Though several forms of baptism with differing purposes are practiced today, the Bible teaches one baptism, (yes, no.)

Sprinkling is the same as a burial, (yes, no.)

Infants can believe and repent so as to be baptized, (yes, no, see Mk. 16:16 and Acts 2:38.)

Baptism into Christ is the point at which faith in Christ's death brings forgiveness (yes, no.)

**ALL BIBLE NAMES APPLY TO CHRISTIANS (WHO ARE  
CHRIST'S CHURCH.)**

"that worthy name by which ye are called" (Jas. 2:7.)



Acts 11:26: "The disciples were called Christians."

1 Cor. 1:2: "The church of God."

1 Cor. 14:33: "Churches of the saints."

Rm. 16:16: "The churches of Christ."

Mt. 16:18: "My church."

Eph. 5:25: "The church."

**CONCLUSIONS**

Is there no one name for the church? (yes, no.)

In the Bible were Christians in the church of God and also in the church of Christ? (yes, no.)

Have certain Bible names been set apart from other names and applied to denominations today? (yes, no.)

Should names today divide Christians? (yes, no.)

**TRUE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP MUST BE RESTORED  
AMIDST TRADITIONAL TYPES OF WORSHIP.**

"In vain do they worship me" (Mt. 15:9.)



**JESUS SAID:** "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24.)

**EARLY CHRISTIANS:** "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42.)

**QUESTIONS**

True worship is in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_ .

Name 4 practices of the worship of early Christians: \_\_\_\_\_ ,

The word \_\_\_\_\_ means regularly.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Is all worship acceptable as long as it is sincere? (yes, no.)

Did Jesus describe some worship as vain? (yes, no.)

Is true worship regular? (yes, no.)

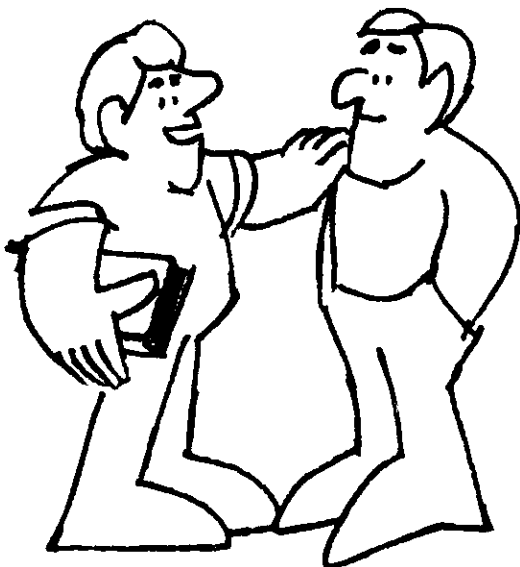
Was breaking bread (communion) done regularly? (yes, no.)

Can Christians today worship exactly as did early Christians?  
(yes, no.)



**DAILY PERSONAL TEACHING AND SOUL-WINNING  
MUST BE RESTORED.**

"The Lord added to the church daily" (Acts 2:47.)



**EARLY CHRISTIANS:** "that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4.)

**PAUL SAID:** "I have taught you publicly and from house to house" (Acts 20:20.)

**QUESTIONS**

The answer to the ceremonial type of religion so many have today is to be found in restoring \_\_\_\_\_ soul-winning as practiced by the early church.

Christians went everywhere doing what? \_\_\_\_\_

In what 2 ways did Paul teach? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

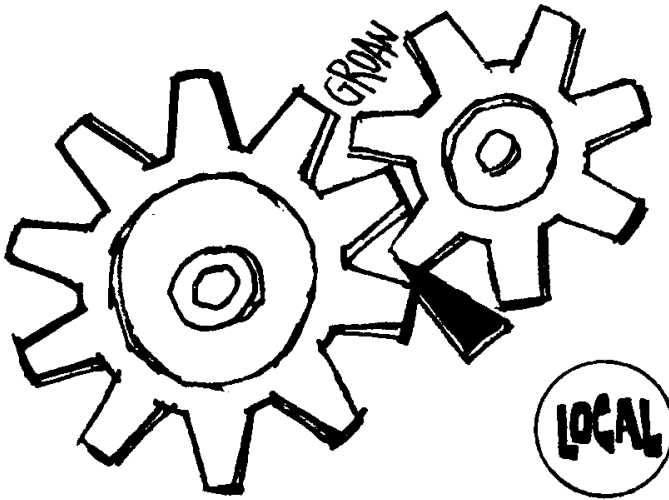
**CONCLUSIONS**

Were people added daily to the church? (yes, no.)

Could this have been true without personal teaching daily? (yes, no.) Is Christianity truly restored if only a Sunday teaching plan is practiced? (yes, no.)

**LOCALLY INDEPENDENT CONGREGATIONS MUST BE RESTORED AMIDST DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL MACHINERY.**

Elders in every church" (Acts 14:23.)



**ELDERS WERE TOLD:** "Feed the flock of God which is among you; taking the oversight thereof (1 Pet. 5:2.)

**EARLY CHURCHES HAD NO CENTRALIZED HEAD-QUARTERS NOR AUTHORITY:** "the seven churches which are in Asia" (Rev. 1:11.) "The churches of Judea" (Gal. 1:22.)

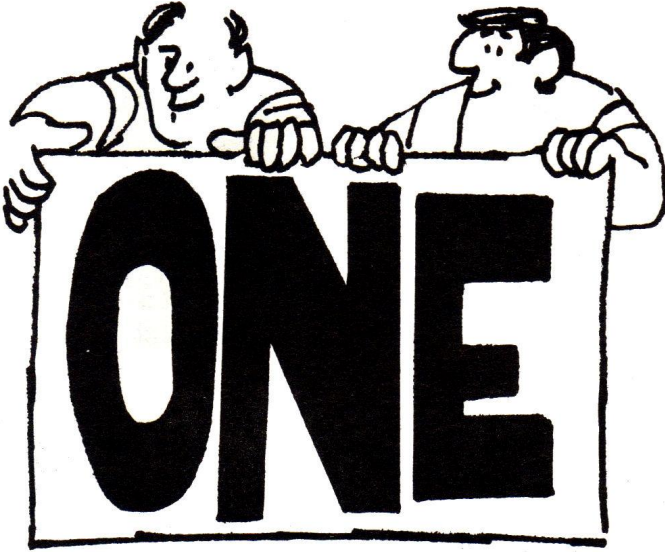
**NEW TESTAMENT ORGANIZATION:** To prevent one congregation from pulling others into error or sin, there were no officers outside each local church. Officers had oversight in only one church, and all elders had equal authority.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Were early congregations linked together in organization? (yes, no.) Will local leaders selected by each local church cause more local responsibility? (yes, no.)

**COMPLETE RESTORATION OF ORIGINAL  
CHRISTIANITY IS BOTH NECESSARY AND POSSIBLE.**

"Make all things according to the pattern" (Heb. 8:5.)



**JESUS STRONGLY PROMISED:** "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18.)

**QUESTIONS**

If all parts of the church which Jesus built are restored, will the church Jesus built be restored? \_\_\_\_\_

Since Jesus built no denomination, will the restored church be a denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

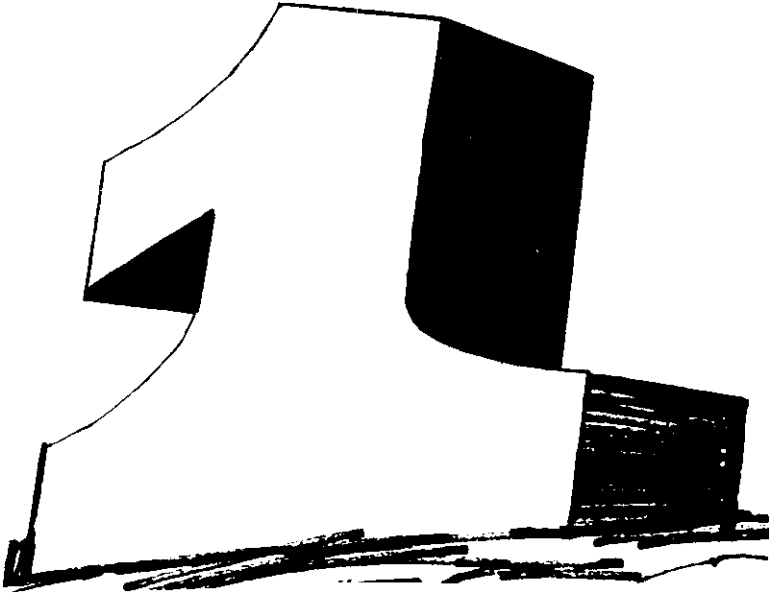
Did Jesus build His church as He promised? (yes, no.)

Has anything ever prevailed against it? (yes, no.)

Then is the church Jesus built still in the world today? (yes, no.)

**GODS PATTERN IS FOR ONE CHURCH JUST AS FOR ONE  
GOD, ONE JESUS, ONE SPIRIT.**

"Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it" (Eph. 5:25.)



**THE UNITY FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH WE ARE  
COMMANDED TO KEEP IS DESCRIBED AS:** "one body, . . .  
one hope, . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God" (Eph.  
4:3-6.)

**DEFINING THE ONE BODY PAUL SAID:** "the church which  
is His body" (Eph. 1:22, 23.)

**QUESTIONS**

Can we take the Bible and show people the true God? \_\_\_\_\_

The true Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

The true Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

The true church? \_\_\_\_\_

True baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

True faith? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

When the true God, Christ, Spirit, are taught from the Bible, is  
this being too narrow? (yes, no.)

Is it too narrow to teach the one faith? (yes, no.)

One baptism? (yes, no.)

One church? (yes, no.)

**JESUS PRAYER, PLEA, AND PLAN FOR THE ORIGINAL  
UNITY OF CHRISTIANS STILL NEEDS TO BE EFFECTED.**

"That they all may be one" (Jn. 17:21.)

"That there be no divisions among you" (1 Cor. 1:10.)



**PAUL COMMANDED:** "Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, there is one body. . ." (Eph. 4:3, 4.)

**QUESTIONS**

Has God ever required the impossible? \_\_\_\_\_

Is unity possible today as Jesus described it? \_\_\_\_\_

Is unity on God's terms or man's terms true unity? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Has Jesus changed His mind about the need for unity? (yes, no.) If divisions were forbidden in the early church, are they commended now by the Lord? (yes, no.) Is Jesus' prayer impractical? (yes, no.)

**UNITY IN CHRIST IS NOT OPTIONAL, IT IS  
COMMANDED, AND DILIGENT OBEDIENCE IS  
REQUIRED.**

Our only choice is to obey or disobey.



**THE BIBLE COMMANDS:** "Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel (Phil. 1:27.) "Be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Phil. 2:2.) "That there be no divisions among you" (1 Cor. 1:10.) "Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3.)

**QUESTIONS**

Christians must stand fast in the same \_\_\_\_\_ and the same \_\_\_\_\_ striving together for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.  
We must be of one \_\_\_\_\_ of one \_\_\_\_\_.  
Let there be no \_\_\_\_\_.  
Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Does our religious generation consider unity optional? (yes, no.)  
Is unity of mind in the one faith a command? (yes, no.)  
Must all commands be obeyed? (yes, no.)  
Are some commands optional? (yes, no.)  
Can we reject or neglect the command for unity and still please God? (yes, no.)  
Can I promote unity while practicing division? (yes, no.)

**CHRISTIANS GLORIFY GOD IN CHRIST AND IN THE  
CHURCH, NOT OUTSIDE OF EITHER.**

This makes being in the true Christ and in the true church important.



**EPH 3:21 SAYS:** "Unto Him (God) be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages."

**QUESTIONS**

The saving relationship which a Christian enjoys is the wonderful relationship here called being " \_\_\_\_\_ Christ."

Only those \_\_\_\_\_ Christ can glorify God.

The second relationship described here is being " \_\_\_\_\_ the church."

Only \_\_\_\_\_ the church can we glorify God.

This does not mean *in* a building but *in* the body of saved people, the church.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Can anyone glorify God outside of Christ? (yes, no.)

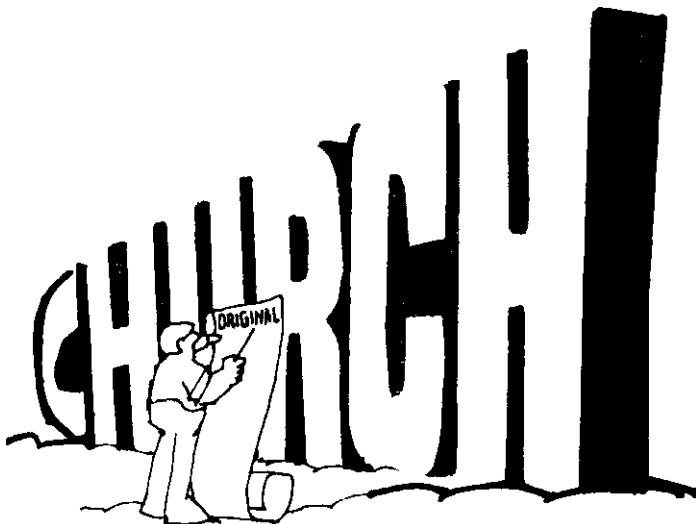
Can anyone glorify God outside of a relationship in the church? (yes, no.)

Is the Christian's relationship in the church God's plan for glorifying Him in all ages to come? (yes, no.)

Can Christians glorify God in conflicting churches? (yes, no.)

**RESTORING THE ORIGINAL BODY OF CHRIST IS  
ESSENTIAL BECAUSE CHRIST UNITED ALL  
BELIEVERS IN ONE CHURCH.**

All Christians united to Christ are united in one body (the church)  
with all others united to Christ.



EPH. 2:16 SAYS: "That He might reconcile both (Jew and  
Gentile) unto God in one body by the cross."

COL. 3:15 SAYS: "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to  
the which ye are called in one body."

**QUESTIONS**

God reconciled (made friends again) all in one \_\_\_\_\_  
(which is the \_\_\_\_\_ .)

Christians are called in one \_\_\_\_\_ (the \_\_\_\_\_ .)

**CONCLUSIONS**

Everyone who is in fellowship with God by the cross is to be in  
fellowship with everyone else in fellowship with God (yes, no.)  
That joint fellowship is in the one body or one church (yes, no.)  
God has called all Christians into the peace found in one body or  
church (yes, no.)

Is fellowship in this one body optional? (yes, no.)

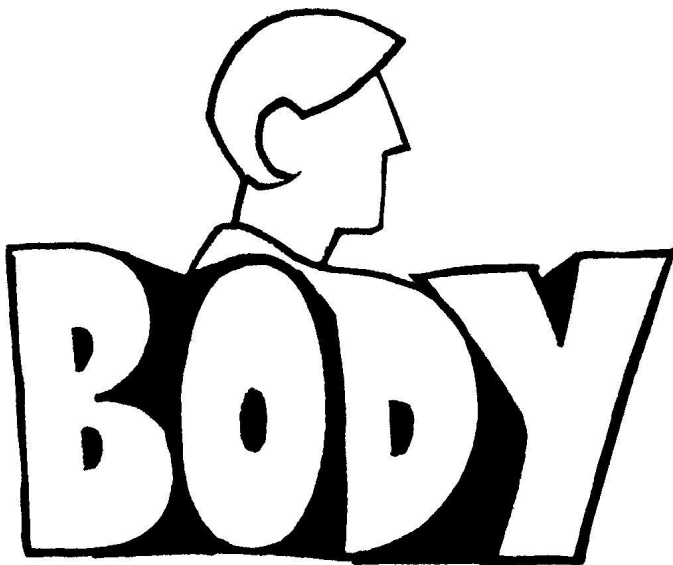
If we are called in one body, is this important? (yes, no.)

If we are reconciled in one body, is this important? (yes, no.)



**UNITY IN THE ONE BODY OF CHRIST (THE CHURCH)  
IS GOD'S PLAN TO GIVE CHRIST ALL PRE-EMINENCE.**

Christ, not men, gets the pre-eminence when all Christians are united in one body.



**COL. 1:18 SAYS:** "And He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

**QUESTIONS**

The word *that* shows that the position of Christ as \_\_\_\_\_ of the body (or the \_\_\_\_\_ ) is where He is given pre-eminence.

In how many things does Jesus have pre-eminence when He is head of the church? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS**

Did God mean for Jesus to be pre-eminent as head of the church? (yes, no.)

Is all pre-eminence given Him in this position? (yes, no.)

Can anyone give Him honor except as head of the church? (yes, no.)

Do some men think that those who give Christ honor as head of the one church want to honor their church? (yes, no.)

If I honor Christ as head of His one church, do I get any honor? (yes, no.)

**THE CHURCH IS THE FULLNESS OF GOD BECAUSE IT IS GODS PLAN FOR ALL MEN IN ALL THE WORLD TO GLORIFY CHRIST.**

The church is God's fullness.



**EPH. 1:22, 23 SAYS:** "And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

**QUESTIONS**

The church is here called the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and then called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Is the church the fullness of God? (yes, no.)

Does this mean that God's plan for all to glorify Christ is the church? (yes, no.)

Is God's plan that all Christians glorify God in the church a better plan than the one which omits the church? (yes, no.)

If the church is God's fullness, can men take any credit for the plan? (yes, no.)

If a man tries to get another man to see that the church is the fullness of God, is he trying to win his friend over to his human plan? (yes, no.)

If the church is God's fullness, is there emptiness outside the church? (yes, no.)

**IN THE END CHRIST WILL RETURN TO PRESENT THE  
CHURCH AS HIS BRIDE TO HIMSELF FOREVER.**

Heaven is the marriage of Christ and His bride, the church.



**EPH. 5:27 SAYS:** "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."

**REV. 21:9 SAYS:** "I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."

**2 COR. 11:2 SAYS:** "I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

**QUESTIONS**

Who is Christ's bride? \_\_\_\_\_

The church when married to Christ will be called His \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSIONS**

How many brides does Christ have? (one, many.)

Is Christ honored by His bride? (yes, no.)

If Christ's church is His bride, will anyone else be married to Christ in heaven? (yes, no.)

Is any one denomination His bride? (yes, no.)

Is the undenominational church His bride? (yes, no.)

## ANSWER SECTION

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Page 1

Two	Yes
Broad, Narrow	Yes
Many, Few	Yes
Destruction, Life	

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Page 2

No divisions	Yes
Perfectly joined together	Yes
Mind, Judgment	Yes

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Page 3

Divisions, Offenses	Yes
Doctrine	Yes
Avoid (or mark)	Yes

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Page 4

Endeavoring	Yes
Keep	Yes
Of	Yes

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Page 5

One	Yes
One, One, One	Yes
One, One, One, One	

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Page 6

Yes	Yes
All	Yes
One	Yes

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Page 7

Cod (He). Christ (God)	Yes
No	Yes
No	Yes

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Yes	Yes
That	Yes
Yes	Yes

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Page 9

Yes	God
Yes	Man
Yes	Yes

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Page 10

Paul, Apollos, Cephas, & Christ Divided	Yes Yes Yes
Halves, quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies	

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Page 11

Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes
Name	Yes

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Page 12

Yes	No
Church	Yes
	Yes

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Page 13

The church	No
It	No
	No

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In localities	No
Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes

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God's original plan  
No

Yes  
Yes  
No  
No

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Page 16

Kingdom. City, House  
Church

Yes  
Yes  
No  
No

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Page 17

Christ  
Christ's  
Unmovable

Yes  
No  
Yes

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Power  
Holy Ghost  
Kingdom

Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes

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Body. Family (or house)  
One  
One, One

Yes  
Yes  
Yes

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Page 20

Believed. Turned  
Added to the Lord  
Church. Christians

Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes

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Page 21

Church  
Church (of Thessalonica)  
Head. Savior

Yes  
No  
No  
No

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Kingdom	Yes
Kingdom	Yes
Church	Yes
	No
	No

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Page 23

Church	No
Members	Yes
Christ	No
	Yes
	Yes

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Page 24

Gospel	Yes
Pervert	Yes
Accursed	Yes

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Page 25

Sound doctrine	No
Truth, Fables	Yes
Lusts	Yes

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Page 26

The Spirit	Yes
The Faith	Yes
Devils	Yes
	Yes

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Page 27

Divisions, Offenses	Yes	No
Mark, Avoid	Yes	Yes
*Follow this order for ans. each time	No	No

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Page 28

Contentions, Christ	Yes	Yes
	No	No

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Page 29

Christ's blood	Yes	Yes
Flock	Yes	Yes
Selves, Flock (Church)		

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Grievous	No	No
Flock	Yes	Yes
Perverse, Draw away	Yes	
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	Page 31	
Forbidding to marry,	No	No
Abstain from meats	Yes	No
Yes		
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	Page 32	
Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley	Yes	
Catholicism, Anglicanism	No	
Human traditions	Yes	
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	Page 33	
Contend earnestly	Yes	Yes
Once delivered	No	No
The faith	Yes	
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	Page 34	
All	Yes	Yes
Showed	No	Yes
	Yes	Yes
	Yes	
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	Page 35	
Old paths (or Good way)	No	Yes
New Testament	Yes	Yes
	Yes	Yes
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	Page 36	
God's	Yes	
Blood, Christ	No	
	No	
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	Page 37	
Sect	No	Yes
Sect, Spoken against	No	No



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Flesh  
Yes

Yes    Yes  
No     Yes  
Yes

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Added, Church  
Saved  
No  
No

Yes  
Yes  
Yes

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Page 40

Yes  
Yes  
No

Yes  
No  
Yes  
Yes

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The church, Christ's church,  
God's church  
No  
Original or no kind

Yes    Yes  
Yes No

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Turn from the truth  
Transgress commandments  
of God  
Made God's com.of none effect  
Worship vain

Bad  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes

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Page 43

Word, God  
Word, Kingdom  
Kind

No  
Yes  
No  
Yes

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Yes  
Yes

Yes  
No  
Yes

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Rooted up	Yes
End, World	Yes
	Yes

Page 46

The truth	No
Give heed	No
Handed down	Yes
	No

Page 47

Transgressing the command-	Yes
ment of God	No
Commandment of God,	Yes
Tradition	

Page 48

None effect	Yes
	Yes

Page 49

Empty, Useless, Worthless	No
Commandments of men	No
Vain	Yes

Page 50

Perish	No
Commandments, Doctrines	Yes
	Yes

Page 51

Prove	Yes
Good, Evil	No
Believe, Try	Yes
False prophets	

Page 52

The Scriptures	No
So	Yes
	No

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Apostles	No
Truth & Error or spirit of truth & spirit of error	Yes

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Power to control	Yes
By what authority doest thou these things?	Yes
Who gave thee this authority?	No

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Heaven or God, Men	No
God or heaven	No
Heaven or God, Men	No

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God, Men	Yes
Men, Christ	No
Abomination	Yes

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4 inches (etc.)	No
Standard	Yes
Jesus	Yes

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Apostles, Truth	No
Remember	Yes
	No

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Apostles	No
Bound, Apostles	No
Whatsoever	

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Truth, Word	Yes
Commandments, Lord	No
	Yes

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Good works	Yes	
Doctrine, Reproof, Correction, Instruction	Yes	
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Understanding	Yes	
No	No	
Yes	No	
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	Page 63	
God	Yes	
Choose, (or like, prefer), Knowledge	Yes	
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	Page 64	
God of this world (devil)	Yes	
Image	Yes	
Gospel	Yes	
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	Page 65	
	Yes	
	Yes	
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	Page 66	
Be baptized	Yes	
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	Page 67	
Obey	No	
Obeyed	Yes	
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	Page 68	
	Yes	No
	No	Yes
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	Page 69	
	No	Yes
	Yes	No

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Spirit, Truth	No	Yes
Apostles' doctrine, Fellowship, Breaking bread, prayers	Yes	Yes
Stedfastly	Yes	

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Page 71

Personal (or daily)	Yes
Preaching the word	No
Publicly, From house to house	No

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No  
Yes

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Page 73

Yes	Yes
No	No
	Yes

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Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	
Yes	

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No	No
Yes	No
God's	No

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Spirit, Mind, Faith	Yes	No
Accord, Mind (or one love)	Yes	No
Divisions	Yes	No
Unity		

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In	No
In	No
In	Yes
In	No

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Body, Church	Yes	No
Body, Church	Yes	Yes
	Yes	Yes

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Head, Church	Yes	Yes
All	Yes	No
	No	

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Page 80

Body, Fullness	Yes	No
	Yes	No
	Yes	Yes

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The church	One
Bride or Wife	Yes
	No
	No
	Yes