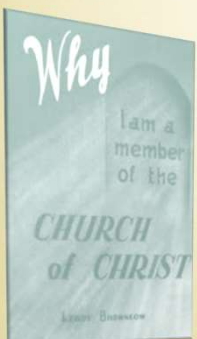


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## Why I Am A Member of the church of Christ

### Defining "The church of Christ"

There is one body...

- Definite Article / Singularity
  - Mat 16:18; Acts 2:47; Eph 4:4

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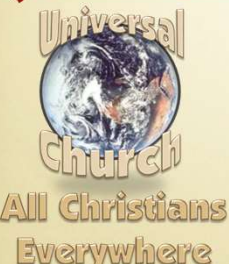
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- Ecclesia / Called Out
  - Mat 16:18; Acts 19:32; Rom 16:16
- Possessive / Belonging To
  - Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 1:1
- Messiah / Savior / Lord / Jesus
  - 1 Cor 3:23; Gal 5:24

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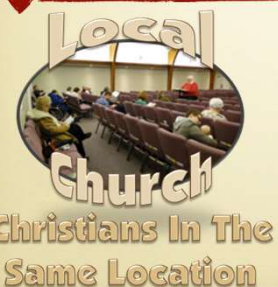
- ♦ "I will build **MY CHURCH**" *Matt. 16:18*
- ♦ "There is **ONE BODY**" *Eph. 4:4*
- ♦ "He is also head of the **BODY**, the **CHURCH**" *Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23*

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Description	Passage	Jesus	Relationship
"the church"	(Acts 8:3, etc.)	The One Who Calls	The Called Out
"the church of God"	(Acts 20:28)	Paid The Price	Purchased of God
"the body of Christ"	(1 Cor. 12:27)	Headship	Members
"the kingdom of God"	(Rom. 14:17)	Kingship	Citizens
"the family of God"	(1 Tim. 3:15)	Son	Children
"the temple of God"	(1 Cor. 3:16)	High Priest	Serve / Worship
"the church of the firstborn"	(Heb. 12:23)	Heir	Fellow Heirs

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- ♦ Who agree to join together in fellowship - *Acts 9:26*
- ♦ Who worship in a common assembly - *1 Cor. 11:18*
- ♦ Who work out of a common treasury - *1 Cor. 16:1-3*
- ♦ Who submit to a common oversight - *Acts 14:23; 20:28*

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- ◆ "the church of God which is at Corinth" - **1 Cor. 1:2**
- ◆ "the church of the Thessalonians in God" - **1 Thess. 1:1**
- ◆ "the churches of Galatia" - **1 Cor. 16:1**
- ◆ "the churches of the saints" - **1 Cor. 14:33**
- ◆ "the churches of Christ" - **Rom. 16:16**
- ◆ "the churches" - **Acts 8:3; 15:41**

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### "Anti" Denominational

For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will **remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.**


- ◆ Jesus Prayed For Unity - **Jn. 17:20-23**
- ◆ Paul Pleaded For Unity - **1 Cor. 1:10**
- ◆ The Church belonging to Christ Submits To Christ - **Eph 5:23-24; 1 Cor 4:17**




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### "Anti" Denominational


**Corn**



**Apple**




**Acorn**




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### "Anti" Denominational


**Mennonite**




**Methodist**



**Nazarene**



**Christian**



## Why | Am A Member of the church of Christ

### The Standard It Follows

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 **complete**, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- ◆ Human Denominations Do Not Use "JUST" The Bible - (Confessions, Disciplines, Rules of Faith, etc.)
- ◆ The Lord's Church Uses **only** the Bible As Its Guide In Faith, Teaching, Work, Worship & Organization. - **2 Tim 3:16-17**

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### The Message Preached



- ◆ What A Person Must Do In Order To Be Saved - **Rom 10:17; Jn 8:24; Rom 10:9,10; Lk 13:3; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38**
- ◆ The Christian - **Rev 2:10; Acts 8:18-24; 1 John 1:9**

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### The Organization Is Found In NT

Philippians 1:1  
Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the **saints** in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the **bishops and deacons:**

- ◆ **Elders / Pastors / Bishops** - Acts 14:23; 20:17,28; 1 Pet. 5:1-5; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
- ◆ **Deacons** - Phil 1:1; 1 Tim 3:8-13
- ◆ **Saints** - Phil 1:1; 1 Cor 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 1:1

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Speaks through the apostles in the NT

Elders over each local church  
(1 Pet 5:1-2)

The elders who are among you I exhort... Shepherd the flock of God which is among **YOU**...

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### The Worship Is Scriptural

The N.T. Reveals

Five Acts of Worship

- ◆ **Studying God's Word** - Acts 20:7; Col 4:16
- ◆ **Singing** - Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16
- ◆ **Praying** - Acts 4:23-31; Eph 6:18
- ◆ **Giving** - 1 Cor 16:1-2
- ◆ **Observing The Lord's Supper** - Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 11:23-26

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### The Work Is Authorized

- ◆ **Evangelism** - Acts 13:1-3
- ◆ **Edification of the church** - Eph 4:11-16
- ◆ **Benevolence** - Rom 15:25-26

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Hear	John 12:48
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Luke 13:3
Confess	Matt. 10:32
Baptized	Mark 16:16
Faithful	Matt. 24:13