

Is there only one church?

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Introduction

1. Matthew 16:13-18
2. This is a time in religious history when there is:
 1. Religious frustration
 2. Uncertainty with the yearning for something new
 3. Possibly openness
3. Many denomination have abandon the distinctive beliefs their ancestors treasured
4. Many have turned from organized religion but there is still the hunger for Bible-centered truth
5. Could you tell people what is really different from one church to another?
6. Is there something so different that we might really be the one and only?
7. We are taught to give an answer and reason for our convictions 1 Peter 3:15

II Discussion

1. Do we respect the Bible as God's book?
 1. It is true that many do not believe the Bible as the inspired Word of God 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Galatians 1:8-9
2. Do we recognize the distinction between the Old and New Testament?
 1. God promised a new covenant Jeremiah 31:31; John 1:17
 2. We study the Old Testament Romans 15:4
 3. If there is no distinction then why not celebrate the passover, animal sacrifices, the sabbath or polygamy
3. Do we know why we do not use instruments of music in our worship?
 1. Every passage that tells us the kind of music to have in our worship Matthew 26:30; Acts 16:26; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12; James 5:13
 2. Instruments of music were invented long before the New Testament Genesis 4:21
4. Do we know why we partake of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week?
 1. 1 Corinthians 11:20; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 2:42; John 4:24
5. Do we know that baptism is an immersion?
 1. Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12
 2. It is important to be saved Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Peter 3:21
6. Do we know that Christ is the head of the church?
 1. Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23
7. Do we know what is a scriptural name the church is to wear?
 1. Acts 11:26; 20:28; Romans 16:16
8. Do we know why we stress living a godly life?
 1. Titus 2:11-12

III Conclusion

1. The church we attend does it believe these things and do we show that we believe these things also
2. Just because we attend does not make us a member of the church.
3. We are to be members of the church for which Christ is the head and for which He died
4. Do so by believing, repenting, confessing, being baptized

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