

## Identity of the church

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### Introduction

1. Matthew 16:13-18
2. There are over 4200 different religious organizations in the world today, according to google
3. Is there a way that we can know which church is the true or right church?
4. There is a way!
5. But we must establish our source of authority. 2 Peter 1:3; Jude 3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
6. The Bible says that there is one body, and that body is the church Ephesians 4:4-6; 1:22-23
7. Which one is the true church?

### II Discussion

1. We can identify the church by establishing the time when the church would be established.
  1. Isaiah 2:2-3
  2. Daniel 2:44
  3. Joel 2:38
  4. Matthew 3:1-2
  5. Luke 3:1
  6. Acts 2:16
2. We can identify the church by knowing the place that the church would be established
  1. Isaiah 2:2-3
  2. Joel 2:32
  3. Luke 24:46-47
  4. Acts 2:1-5; 16-17
3. We can identify the church by the name that the church is to wear.
  1. Romans 16:16
  2. 1 Timothy 3:15
  3. Acts 20:28
  4. Acts 8:30
4. We can identify the church by the worship she is to participate in
  1. Acts 2:42; 47
  2. Singing Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
  3. Praying 1 Thessalonians 5:17
  4. Giving 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
  5. Teaching Acts 2:42; 20:7
  6. Lord's Supper Acts 20:7
5. We can identify the church in the New Testament by the way we are to enter the church
  1. Hearing Romans 10:17
  2. Faith Hebrews 11:6
  3. Repentance Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31
  4. Confession Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
  5. Baptism Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Peter 3:21; Revelation 1:5; Romans 6:1-4

### III Conclusion

1. Any church having any differences on any of these points is not the church of the New Testament
2. Are you a member of the New Testament church?
3. You can be
4. Obey today

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