

Is there only one church and which church is it?

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Introduction

1. Ephesians 4:4-6
2. As we look out into our community and find a number of religious groups, does it make any difference which one we go to?
3. Why do each different religious group teach differently
4. Which one is the true church if any?
5. We are told to try the spirits to see if they are of God 1 John 4:1
6. Let us search the scriptures for the true church

II Discussion

1. Facts known by Bible students
 1. That Jesus established the church Matthew 16:13-18
 2. There is only one church Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23
 3. That Jesus purchased the church Acts 20:28
 4. That Jesus is the foundation of the true church 1 Corinthians 3:11
 5. That Jesus is the chief corner stone 1 Peter 2:6-7
2. How can we know which church is the true church?
 1. Seed planted reproduces after its kind Genesis 1:11; Luke 8:11
3. By knowing when the church would be established
 1. Daniel 2
 2. Babylon 606-536,
 3. Medo Persian 536-332
 4. Greek 331-146
 5. Roman 146 400
 6. John said it was at hand Matthew 3:1-2
 7. Jesus preached that the church was at hand Matthew 4:17
4. By knowing where the church would be established Isaiah 2:2-3
5. By knowing the way to worship can we know the true church
 1. Singing Ephesians 5:19
 2. Praying 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 3. Giving 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
 4. Teaching Acts 20:7
 5. Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-28
6. By knowing the way to enter the church can we know the true church
 1. Faith Hebrews 11:6
 2. Repentance Acts 17:30-31
 3. Confession Romans 10:9-10
 4. Baptism Galatians 3:26-27; Mark 16:15-16

III Conclusion

1. Any church having different facts, when, where, worship and entrance is not the true church of the Bible
2. Are you a member of this church of the Bible?
3. You can be today!
4. By obeying what you have heard

Sources: life time of studying. any plan that discusses how one is to become a member of the church OBS, Fishers of Men, flip charts etc.