

## To Be the church of Christ

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### Introduction

1. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
2. Paul mentions the church of God which is at Corinth
3. "To be or not to be" a part of the church is the question
  - a. Organized religion is a fact
  - b. Many do not want to be part of any religious organization
  - c. Look at how many religious organization there are, 300, 500 or more
4. Can we identify this church today
5. Can we be His church today

### II Discussion

1. The Christ of the church
  - a. All religious organizations have some peculiar, basic belief or practice that make them distinctive.
  - b. The church of Christ is built on Christ (Christ name is used 9 x's in these verses)
  - c. Christ is:
    - i. The builder of the church Matthew 16:18
    - ii. Foundation of the church 1 Corinthians 3:9
    - iii. Purchased materials for the church Acts 20:28
    - iv. Is the Savior of the church Ephesians 5:23
    - v. Is the Head of the church Ephesians 5:23
2. The church belongs to Christ
  - a. This is in the genitive case in the Greek which shows ownership, the church belongs to God
  - b. The purpose of the church is seen Ephesians 3:9-10
  - c. It is God's church no matter where or no matter the problems
3. The church is the called people
  - a. The word church is ekklesia means the called out
  - b. The word called is used in verse 1 and verse 2 called
    - i. Paul is called
    - ii. The church is called to be saints, a different people Titus 2:14; 1 Corinthians 5
  - c. Called into fellowship verse 9
4. The church is a calling people verse 2
  - a. How shall we call? Romans 10:13-17
  - b. This is an appeal to the authority of Christ Acts 4:12
  - c. Whatever we do is to be done in the Lord's name Colossians 3:17
    - i. Worship
    - ii. Moral, ethics
    - iii. Everyday life

### III Conclusion

1. The church is to live in anticipation or expectation of the Lord's return verse 7
2. If people are ready for Christ's return they are in His church
3. He shall return John 14:1-3
4. He shall, upon His return, deliver up the kingdom of God 1 Corinthians 15:24
5. You can be a part of the Lord's church if you are not Acts 2:47
6. Come

Sources: Christ crucified sermon outlines from 1 Corinthians by Tom Holland; Logos program.