

## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Members of the Church of Christ never refer to it as "our denomination". Our world-wide religious body made up of saved people is not simply one of many branches of the "Christian Church", but it is "the church of Christ".

We do not consider our individual congregations as being denominations, nor do we consider the Church of Christ as a whole, a denomination. The body of redeemed through the blood of Christ is the family of God, "the church of the living God" (I Tim. 3:15).

The Church of Christ does not have an earthly head nor ecclesiastical headquarters, but rather Christ is the head of the church (Col. 1:18), and each Christian submits to His authority in all things (Eph. 5:24). The New Testament is our infallible guide in things pertaining to doctrine and Christian living: Christ is our living creed, and the Bible is our rule of faith and practice.

Members of the church believe the Bible is not only inspired of God, but that it is the complete and final word of Revelation (II Tim. 3:16,17; Rev. 22: 17,18).

Rather than joining a man-made religious organization of one's choice, we receive Christ through being "born of the water and of the spirit" (John 3:5), and "the Lord adds to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

The Acts of the Apostles sets forth in example how the new birth is accomplished: As on Pentecost following the resurrection and ascension of Christ, the gospel was preached, the hearers became believers, and the believers were told to "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Each accountable believer is to be immersed in water after the likeness of the burial and resurrection of Christ (Rom. 6:3,4).

The name Christian was divinely given (Isa. 62:2; Acts 11:26), and we are glad to "glorify God in this name" without addition of any human name, system, or concept (I Pet. 4:16).

In our worship, we teach His word (II Tim. 4:2), in his memory partake of the communion each Lord's Day (I Cor. 11:24,25), express our heart's desires and gratitude in prayer (Phil. 4:6), and fellowship together in a common cause through giving and singing, (I Cor. 16:2; Eph. 5:19).

Our plea is that all "born again" ones will unite together in work and worship, using the Bible as the only guide in religious matters, and restore undenominational Christianity to all peoples of this generation.