

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST: A Name From Men or From God?

Men's Bible Study for Tuesday, April 1, 2014 (by Ray Reynolds)

"And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

What do we know about the church?

- Jesus Christ promised to build His church (**Matthew 16:13-18**)
- Jesus Christ purchased His church with His own blood (**Acts 20:28**)
- Jesus Christ established His church on the day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:1-47**)
- Jesus Christ alone adds people to His church (**Acts 2:41-47, 5:14**)
- Jesus Christ did not built His church upon men (**I Corinthians 1:12-13, Ephesians 2:20-22**)
- Jesus Christ built His church on Himself, the only foundation (**I Corinthians 3:11**)
- Jesus Christ is the head of His church (**Colossians 1:18, 24**)
- Jesus Christ is the head of His body, the church (**Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:23**)
- Jesus Christ is the Savior of His church (**Ephesians 5:23**)
- Jesus Christ loves the church (**Ephesians 5:25**)

What do we know about the name of the church?

- The church was called the way (**Acts 9:1-2**)
- The church was just simply called Christians (**Acts 11:26, 26:28**)
- The church was called the church of the Lord (**Acts 20:28**)
- The church was called the sect of the Nazarenes (**Acts 24:5**)
- The church collectively were called the churches of Christ (**Romans 16:16**)
- The church was called the church of God (**I Corinthians 1:2**)
- The church was called the temple of God (**I Corinthians 3:16**)
- The church collectively were called churches (**I Corinthians 7:17, 14:43, 16:1, Galatians 1:2**)
- The church collectively were called the churches of God (**I Corinthians 11:16, II Thessalonians 1:4**)
- The church was called the body of Christ (**I Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18, 24**)
- The church collectively were called the churches of God's people (**I Corinthians 14:33**)
- The church was simply called the church (**Ephesians 3:10, Revelation 2:7**)
- The church was called the bride of Christ (**Ephesians 5:22-32, Revelation 3:12, 19:6-9, 21:2, 9**)
- The church was called the kingdom of Christ (**Colossians 1:13**)
- The church collectively were called God's churches in Christ (**I Thessalonians 2:14**)
- The church was called the house of God (**I Timothy 3:15**)
- The church was called the church of the firstborn (**Hebrews 12:23**)

What do we know about the name of those inside the church?

- Those in the church were called disciples (**Acts 6:1-7, 11:26**)
- Those in the church were called believers (**Acts 5:14, II Corinthians 6:15**)
- Those in the church were called saints (**Acts 9:13, Romans 1:7, Philippians 1:1**)
- Those in the church were called Christians (**Acts 11:26, 26:28, I Peter 4:16**)
- Those in the church were called members (**I Corinthians 12:27**)
- Those in the church were called children of God (**Galatians 3:26-27, I John 3:1-2**)
- Those in the church were called priests (**I Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6**)

What do we know about the unity of those inside the church?

- The church considered themselves one church of Christ (**Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 4:4**)
- The church considered themselves one kingdom of Christ (**Matthew 16:18-19, Colossians 1:13-14**)
- The church considered themselves one bride of Christ (**Romans 7:1-7, Ephesians 5:22-32**)
- The church considered themselves one body of Christ (**Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:4, Colossians 1:18**)
- The church considered themselves one family of God (**Ephesians 3:15, I Timothy 3:15**)