



A just weight  
and balance

are the  
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

**How to Identify**  
**The One**  
**True Church.**

- If you had a job with the Treasury Department and your responsibility was to keep counterfeit money out of circulation, how would you go about it?

- Would you study counterfeit bills or would you study the real thing?
- You would study authentic bills!
- The more you know the real thing the better able you are to identify counterfeit.

- **Jesus built His church:**

- **Matthew 16:18**

**And I say also unto thee,  
That thou art Peter,  
and upon this rock  
I will build my church;  
and the gates of hell shall  
not prevail against it. ■**

- **John 10: 8**

**All who came before me are thieves and robbers;  
but the sheep  
did not heed them.**

- **9 I am the door;**

**if any one enters by me, he  
will be saved, and will go in  
and out and find pasture.**

- **Matthew 24: 23-24**

**23** Then if any one says to you, 'Lo, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it.

- **24** For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

- **II Cor. 11:13–14**

**13** **For such men are**

- **false apostles,**
- **deceitful workmen,**
- **disguising themselves**  
**as apostles of Christ.**
- **14** **And no wonder,**  
**for even Satan disguises**  
**himself as an angel of light.**<sup>8</sup>



**• The Devil  
in his wisdom  
decided that  
to counterfeit  
the Lord's church  
was the best way  
to combat  
its success!**

- Why?
- For the same reason people don't counterfeit plastic bags?
- They are worthless!
- One only counterfeits what is valuable.

- The Lord's church is the most valuable institution on earth?

- It's the only place where one can find salvation!

- Acts 2:47

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- Acts 4:12

**And there is salvation in  
no one else,  
for there is no other name  
under heaven given  
among men by which  
we must be saved.**

(ESV)

• **The Devil  
would be a fool  
not to counterfeit  
the church  
&  
the Devil  
is no FOOL**

- **Jesus prayed for unity:**

**John 17:21**

**that they may**

**all be one;**

**even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

- **1 Corinthians 4:17**

**Therefore I sent to you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.**



- **1 Corinthians 1:10**

**God has revealed to us**

**through the Spirit.**

**For the Spirit searches  
everything, even the  
depths of God.**

# Ephesians 4:4

There is one body,

and one Spirit,

even as also ye were called  
in one hope of your calling;

4:5 one Lord, one faith,

one baptism,

(ASV)

- **Denominationalism**  
praises unity in diversity,  
but there can be  
no unity in division.
- We **agree** to **disagree**.
- Give **one example**  
of Jesus ever  
agreeing to disagree.

- Remember Jesus never named His church.
- All so-called names actually show relationships.

Let's take a look  
**at those relationships.**

We are not talking  
about denominations  
as the New Testament  
**never speaks of**  
**denominations.**

- Church of God  
(Acts 20:28)

Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son.

- Churches of Christ  
(Romans 16:16)

The  
churches of Christ  
greet you.

(This is a term  
consistently used by many  
denominational commentators)

- General Assembly  
(Hebrews 12:22-23)

**To the**  
general assembly  
**and**  
church of the firstborn,  
**which are written in heaven,**  
**and to God the Judge of all,**  
**and to the spirits of**  
just men made perfect.



- **A Glorious Church**  
**(Ephesians 5:27)**

**That he might  
present it to himself  
a glorious church,  
not having spot, or wrinkle,  
or any such thing;  
but that it should be  
holy and without blemish.**

- Church of the Living God  
(**1 Timothy 3:15**)  
church of  
the living God,  
**the pillar and ground**  
**of the truth.**

- Peter announced the requirements for church membership:  
**Acts 2**

- No one ever JOINED the church.

- **Believers are**  
**ADDED**  
**to the church.**

**Acts 2:41**

**Then they that gladly  
received his word  
were baptized:  
and the same day  
there were added unto them  
about three thousand souls.**

• What

is

the

Lord's Church?

- The following terms are descriptions of the Lord's church and not names of the church.

• It was never  
the Lord's intention  
to divide His church  
into numerous denominations.

“That they all may be one, as thou,  
Father, art in me, and I in thee, that  
they also may be one in us: that  
the world may believe that thou  
hast sent me.”

John 17:21



- Pentecostal

Acts 2:1

**And when the  
day of Pentecost  
was fully come, they  
were all with one  
accord in one place.**

• Methodist

1 Corinthians 14:40

Let all things  
be done  
decently  
and in order.

• Full Gospel

Acts 20:27

For I have  
not shunned  
to declare unto you  
all the counsel of God.

- **Church of God**

**Acts 20:28**

**Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

- **Assemblies of God**

**Hebrews 12:23**

**To the**

**general assembly**

**and church of the firstborn,  
which are written in heaven,  
and to God the Judge of all,  
and to the spirits of  
just men made perfect**

• Catholic

(Universal church)

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore,

and teach

all nations,

baptizing them in the name of  
the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost:

- Presbyterian  
“*presbytery*.”

- Greek  
for  
body of elders,  
presbytery,  
senate,  
council

- Acts 14:23

## Presbyterian

And when they had  
ordained them

elders (*presbytery*)

in every church,

and had prayed with fasting,

they commended them to the Lord,  
on whom they believed.



# • Holiness

## I Peter 1:16

*Be ye holy;  
for I am holy.* ■

• Salvation Army

2 Timothy 2:3

Thou therefore  
endure hardness,  
as a good soldier  
of Jesus Christ.

- Latter Day Saints

Hebrews 1:2

**Hath in these**

**last days**

**spoken unto us by his Son,  
whom he hath appointed  
heir of all things, by whom  
also he made the worlds**

• Adventist  
(believing in the  
second coming of Jesus)

Acts 1:11

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye  
gazing up into heaven? this  
same Jesus, which is taken up  
from you into heaven, shall so  
come in like manner  
as ye have seen him  
go into heaven.

• Baptist

Mark 16:16

**He that believeth  
and is baptized  
shall be saved;  
but he that believeth not  
shall be damned.**

- Free Will Baptist

Mark 8:34

He said unto them,  
Whosoever will  
come after me,  
let him deny himself,  
and take up his cross,  
and follow me.

- Missionary Baptist

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore,  
and teach all nations,  
baptizing them in the  
name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the  
Holy Ghost:

- Independent Baptist

**New Testament recognizes  
no authority  
except God to be higher than  
the local congregation.**



- Acts 14:23

**And when they had  
ordained them elders  
in every church,  
and had prayed with fasting,  
they commended them  
to the Lord,  
on whom they believed.**

- Charismatic

(having a magnetic personality)

John 13:34

**A new commandment**

**I give unto you,**

**That ye love one another;**

**as I have loved you,**

**that ye also love one another.**

- The Rock

Matthew 16:18

And I say also unto thee,

That thou art Peter, and

upon this rock

I will build my church;

and the gates of hell

shall not prevail against it.

- Disciples of Christ

Matthew 9:37

Then saith he unto  
his disciples,  
The harvest truly  
is plenteous,  
but the labourers  
are few

- **Church of God In Christ**  
**Galatians 1:13**

**For ye have heard of my  
conversation in time past in  
the Jews' religion,  
how that beyond measure  
I persecuted the  
church of God,  
and wasted it:**

- United Church of Christ

- 1 Corinthians 1:10

that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

- **All roads lead to heaven!  
Or do they?**

**Matthew 7: 21- 23**

**Not every one**

**that saith unto me,**

**Lord, Lord,**

**shall enter into the  
kingdom of heaven;**

**but he that does the will of my  
Father which is in heaven.**

- **22** Many will say to me in that day,  
Lord, Lord, have we not  
prophesied in thy name? and in  
thy name have cast out devils?  
and in thy name done many  
wonderful works?
- **23** And then will I profess unto  
them, I never knew you: depart  
from me, ye that work iniquity.



- **Hebrews 8:5**  
**as Moses was**  
**admonished of God**  
**when he was about to**  
**make the tabernacle:**  
**for, See, saith he,**  
**that thou make all things**  
**according to the pattern**  
**shewed to thee in the mount.**

• In doctrine  
the churches of Christ  
fit the  
Biblical description  
of the  
New Testament church.

- The True Church is the church that Jesus built?
- Are you in the Lord's church?
- It's identity is found in the New Testament.

**Think On  
These Things  
(Philippians 4:8)**

**Doors of the church  
are open.**

**Spirit & Bride Say  
“Come”.**

**Revelation 22:17**