

THE CHURCH

ONE TRUE CHURCH

- **Eph 1:22-23 - Church is Christ's body**
- **Eph 4:4-6 - One body, one faith**
- **Col 1:18-19 - Head of the body**

(Eph 1:22-23 KJV) "And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, {23} Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

(Eph 4:4-6 KJV) "*There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; {5} One Lord, one faith, one baptism, {6} One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all."

(Col 1:18-19 KJV) "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. {19} For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;"

ESTABLISHED BY JESUS

- **Matt 16:18 - Upon this rock I will build My church**
- **Acts 20:28 - Purchased with His own blood**
- **Eph 3:10-11 - Eternal purpose which He purposed in Jesus**

(Mat 16:16-18 KJV) "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. {17} And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. {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."

(Acts 20:28 KJV) "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."

(Eph 3:10-11 KJV) "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, {11} According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:"

WHEN ESTABLISHED

- **Acts 2:1, 41, 47 - Jerusalem on Pentecost 33 A.D.**
- **No other church is acceptable**

(Acts 2:1 KJV) "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

(Acts 2:41 KJV) "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls."

(Acts 2:47 KJV) "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

NOT A DENOMINATION

- **Jn 17:20-21 - Believers to be one in Jesus and God**
- **1 Cor 1:10 - Speak the same thing; no divisions**
- **Phil 1:1 - Bishops, deacons and saints**

(John 17:20-21 KJV) "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; {21} 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."

(1 Cor 1:10 KJV) "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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."

(Phil 1:1 KJV) "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:"

NO HUMAN NAME

- **Rom 16:16 - Churches of Christ**
- **1 Cor 1:2 - Church of God**
- **Heb 12:23 - Church of the firstborn**

(Rom 16:16 KJV) "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

(1 Cor 1:2 KJV) "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:"

(Heb 12:23 KJV) "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,"

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

- **Hospitality - 1 Pet 4:9**
- **Unity - Acts 4:32**
- **Care for one another - Acts 4:35**
- **Brotherly love - Heb 13:1**
- **Evangelistic zeal - Acts 5:42**
- **Faithful attendance - Heb 10:25**
- **Courage - Acts 5:27-29**

(1 Pet 4:9 KJV) "Use hospitality one to another without grudging."

(Acts 4:32 KJV) "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common."

(Acts 4:35 KJV) "And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

(Heb 13:1 KJV) "Let brotherly love continue."

(Acts 5:42 KJV) "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

(Heb 10:25 KJV) "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

(Acts 5:27-29 KJV) "And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council: and the high priest asked them, {28} Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. {29} Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."