

Review

Lessons

- 1. The Bible teaches all we need to know so that we can do everything God wants us to do.**
- 2. We follow Christ's Testament and do not add laws from the Old Testament.**
- 3. True obedience is doing exactly what God says without changes.**
- 4. God's kingdom is the church that Jesus built.**

Lesson 5 - Details About the Church - the Kingdom

Ephesians 1:22-23

22 And has 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 fills all in all.

Ephesians 4:4

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling;

Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body.

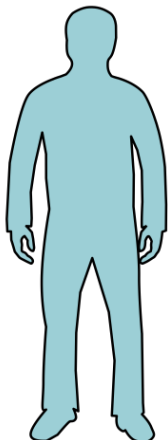
1. The church is Christ's what?
A. His body
B. His child
2. How many bodies are there?
A. Many
B. One
3. If the church is his body, and there is one body, how many churches are there?
A. Many
B. One

4. Who is the head of the church?
A. Christ
B. Paul
5. Is Jesus the savior of man-made bodies or His body?
A. Man-made bodies
B. His body
6. Is He the savior of man-made churches or His church?
A. Man-made churches
B. His church

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The book of Ephesians makes it clear that there is only one church. With so many religious organizations, it is important to discover the one that belongs to Christ because He is also the savior of that one body.

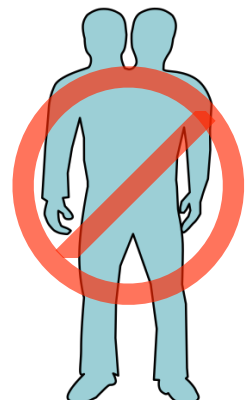
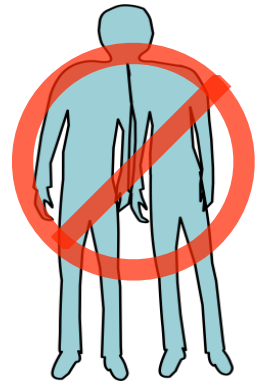
ONLY ONE HEAD



Since Christ is the head of the church, He makes all the decisions about what is to be done in His body. By paying close attention to Christ's teachings in the New Testament, we can find the one that is His.

ONLY ONE BODY

When men change anything about the church, Christ is no longer the head, and it becomes a group following people.



1. A 2. B 3. B
4. A 5. B 6. B

What is the name of the church that we find in the Bible?

Romans 16:16

Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

1 Timothy 3:15

But if I tarry long, that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth

Ephesians 1:22-23

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Acts 20:28

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

Definitions

Tarry: wait to come

NAMES OF THE CHURCH

Church of Christ
House of God
Christ's Body
Church of God (Christ) - Christ gave His blood

7. What is the church called here?

- A. church of Christ
- B. Tabernacle

8. What is the church called here?

- A. Peter's House
- B. House of God

9. What is the church called here?

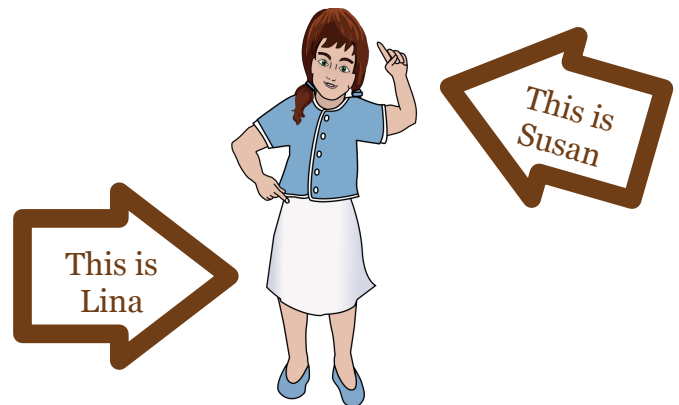
- A. Christ's body
- B. Synagogue

10. What is the church called here?

- A. Temple
- B. Church of God

11. Who purchased the church with His blood?

- A. God the Father
- B. God the Son



The Church belongs to Christ. The names that we find in the Bible identify it as His. It makes sense. We do not call the head one name and the body something else.

Christ is the head. What does the Bible say about the body?

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Definitions:

Saints: One who is sanctified

Sanctified: To be set apart

12. The letter is written to whom?
 - A. All the saints at Philippi
 - B. Philip

13. What are the two groups listed here?
 - A. Sadducees and Pharisees
 - B. Bishops and Deacons

12. A 13. B

Who are the Bishops?

Acts

20:17, 28

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the **elders** of the church.

28 Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood.

Definitions:

Heed: to watch or pay attention

Shepherd: feed

Greek	Latin	English
Episkopos	Bishop	Overseer
Presbuteros	Presbyter	Elder
Poimien	Pastor	Shepherd

14. Who did Paul call from Ephesus?

- A. The apostles
- B. The elders

15. The Holy Spirit made the elders what?

- A. Head of the church
- B. Overseers

16. What were they to do for the church?

- A. Feed
- B. Leave

In Philippians 1:1 the word bishops comes from the Greek word Episkopos. In Acts 20:28 this same word, Episkopos is translated as overseers. Verse 17 shows that Peter is giving instructions to the elders. Bishops, Elders, Overseers, Presbyters, Shepherds, Pastors, are all talking about the same group of men.

The elders of the church were told to watch out for, as well as, protect and feed the members of the church. These leaders have responsibilities to care for the spiritual health of the congregation, and to make sure that things are done decently and in order. (1 Corinthians 14:40) Elders do not make rules or laws for the church. Only Christ, the head, has the power given by God to govern the body.

Not everyone can be an elder. The qualifications for being an elder are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7

1 Timothy 3:1-7

1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desires a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, able to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that rules his own house well, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

14. B 15. B 16. A

Who are the Deacons?

Matthew 23:11

But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Deacon comes from the Greek word diakoneō. It means to be a servant or to minister to another. All followers of Christ are to be servants and to minister to others. But, not everyone can hold the office of a deacon. The qualifications for holding the office of a deacon are found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

1 Timothy 3:8-13

8 Likewise the deacons must be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. 11 Even so their wives must be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The deacons are men who assist the elders by making sure the physical things of the church are correctly handled. Some examples of this would be taking care of the building, helping the elderly and widows with physical needs, and making sure things like song books needed for the worship are available.

Who are the saints?

The word saint means those who are set apart. All Christians are set apart. Therefore, all Christians are saints.

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to them who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

The word Christian, referring to followers of Jesus, is used 3 times in the Bible.

However, the word saints is used 61 times to refer to these people.

Christ built only one church, and He is going to save those in that church. Christ is the head of the church which means that He decided what should be done in the church. The scriptures in lesson 6 will teach what God expects when the church is together.