

The New Testament church of God that Jesus built
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Anything pertaining to or proceeding from God is divine. Regulation or management is government. Divine government is any regulation or management pertaining to or proceeding from God and is found in His apostolic church. Something above human judgement or experience. What God alone instituted only He can abolish. He may abolish it by His word. He may abolish it providentially rendering impossible what had once been instituted. Unless abolished every divine command, ordinance, statute, or appointment must stand forever.

Can you identify the New Testament church of God that Jesus built? If you're looking to identify anyone, one of the first ways is to ask how old the person is. If you are looking for a sixty year old person, you know automatically one of 30 years of age is not that person. What about the church of God? How old is it? From scripture we learn the church was to have its beginning in Jerusalem, in the first century.

1. It shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2: 2-3 ASV).
2. It is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem (Luke 24: 46-47 ASV).
3. [Jesus] said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There are some here of them that stand by, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power (Mark 9: 1 ASV).

Any religious organization started after the first century is not old enough to be the church Jesus built. This includes all the modern day denominations that began hundreds if not thousands of years after the church you read about in the New Testament.

Also the place of origin is necessary to identify. A very common way of identifying anyone is birthplace. Looking at birthplace can differentiate even two individuals with the same name. The New Testament church began in Jerusalem, just as prophecy records. A religious organization that had beginning elsewhere is not the same, no matter what name it may wear. By place of origin and the age of the church is an excellent way to search for the New Testament church of God that Jesus built.

[Jesus] is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of the corner. 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: 11-12 ASV). Any church started by humans is not the church built on Jesus Christ. Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up (Matthew 15: 13 ASV). For you that believe is the preciousness: but for such as disbelieve, the stone which the builders rejected, the same was made the head of the corner; and, a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence; for they stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed (I Peter 2: 7-8 ASV).

When you discover a church began hundreds of years after the first century and was founded by Luther, Calvin, Smythe, Wesley, Joseph Smith, William Miller, Ellen White, or someone else; you know this is not the New Testament church of God that Jesus built.

No building is stronger than its foundation. No matter how beautiful the structure. Without a good solid foundation a building will crumble over time. The New Testament church of God is built on the eternal principle of truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Simon Peter

answered, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven (Matthew 16: 16-18 ASV).

Look to the founder of a church when you want to know if it is the New Testament church of God that Jesus built.

When we identify another person we look to their head. Look to the head of the New Testament church of God that Jesus built. The Father put all things in subjection under [Jesus] feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all (Ephesians 1: 22-23 ASV). There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all (Ephesians 4: 4-6 ASV). Any church that looks to a national council for authority, or a board of directors, or a pope would be not be the body of Christ nor would Jesus be their head. The New Testament church of God that Jesus built has only one head. Jesus is head of His own body. The church of God can't claim to be the body of Christ Jesus and not follow the head and His regulation or management pertaining to or proceeding from God.

We identify another by their name. What name does a husband expect his wife to wear? A faithful wife desires to wear the name of the husband she loves. She considers this an honor. Is it not likewise a dishonor for the church, as the bride of Christ, to wear the name of another, rather than Jesus Christ?

What we do not find in the word of God is where the church ever wore a name that originated with or honored some other man. The church was built and bought with the blood of Jesus (Acts 20: 28). The church is His bride and therefore should wear a name identified with Him, one that brings honor to Him. How can the New Testament church of God

that Jesus built claim to be a part of the bride and wear a name that does not honor Him?

If you want to identify the New Testament church of God that Jesus built look at the doctrine. Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son (II John 1: 9 ASV). Hundreds of organizations founded by men claim to follow God's word. It's one thing to claim to follow God's word, it's another to do it. In reality the reason they exist is because of human doctrine. It is human doctrine that has created human names and the divisions in the religious world today. Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness. That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work (II Timothy 3: 16-17 ASV). The word of God is capable of thoroughly furnishing everything needed to please God.

Lip service is not enough! Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by Thy name, and by Thy name cast out demons, and by Thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Matthew 7: 21-23 ASV).

Is your fellowship the New Testament church of God that Jesus built? Look carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is (Ephesians 5: 15-17 ASV).

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