

Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CHURCH WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS:

- Built and paid for by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 20:28).
- Built on Christ as the only foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11).
- Not built upon Peter, Paul, John or any other man (1 Corinthians 1:12-13).
- Established on the first Pentecost after Christ arose from the dead (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Mark 9:1; Acts chapter 2).

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CHURCH WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IS CALLED:

- The church of Christ (Romans 16:16).
- The church of the Lord (Acts 20:28).
- The temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16).
- The bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:21-32).
- The kingdom of God's Son (Colossians 1:13).
- The house of God (1 Timothy 3:15).
- The church (Ephesians 3:10).
- The church of God (1 Corinthians 1:2).
- The church of the firstborn (Hebrews 12:23).

DID YOU KNOW THAT MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ARE CALLED:

- Members (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- Disciples (Acts 6:1).
- Believers (Acts 5:14; 1 Timothy 4:12).
- Saints (Acts 9:13; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 14:23).
- Children (1 John 3:1-2).
- Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16).
- Priests (Revelation 1:6).

DID YOU KNOW THAT FOUR PERMANENT CLASSES OF SERVANTS IN THE CHURCH WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ARE:

- Elders (also called bishops, overseers, pastors). Their duty is to oversee and feed the flock (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- Deacons that serve the church (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:8-13).
- Evangelists to teach and preach God's word. (Their work and qualifications are in Ephesians 4:11; the books of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus).
- Members (1 Corinthians 12:12-25; Ephesians 4:25; 5:30).

DID YOU KNOW THAT MAN DID NOT:

- Purpose (plan or begin) the church (Ephesians 3:10-11).
- Purchase the church (Acts 20:28).
- Build the church (Matthew 16:18).
- Name its people (Acts 11:26; Isaiah 62:2).
- Add to the church (Acts 2:47).
- Give the church its doctrine / teaching (2 John 9-10; Galatians 1:11).

DID YOU KNOW THE "CHURCH" AND "BODY" OF CHRIST WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ARE:

- The same (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18, 24).

DID YOU KNOW THAT CHRIST HIMSELF:

- Loved the church (Ephesians 5:25).
- Died for the church (Acts 20:28).
- Established the church (Matthew 16:18).
- Called the church His (Matthew 16:18).
- Is the head of the church (Ephesians 5:23; 4:4; 1:22-23).
- Will save the church (Ephesians 5:23; 4:4; 1:22-23).
- Adds people to the church (Acts 2:47).

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE CHURCH ONE MUST:

- Believe in Christ (John 8:24; Acts 16:31;; Hebrews 11:6).
- Repent of sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30).
- Confess faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37-38).
- Be baptized (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:48; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Galatians 3:27).

DID YOU KNOW THAT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S CHURCH (Lord's church):

- Will be saved (Acts 2:38,41,47; Ephesians 5:23).
- Will be taken up into heaven after being raised from the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES THERE WAS ONLY:

- One family of God (Ephesians 3:15).
- One kingdom of Christ (Colossians 1:13-14).
- One body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4).
- One bride of Christ (Romans 7:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-23).
- One church of Christ (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4).

DID YOU KNOW THAT BAPTISM REQUIRES:

- Water (Acts 10:47).
- Much water (John 3:23).
- Going into the water (Acts 8:36; Matthew 3:5-6).
- Coming up out of the water (Acts 8:38; Colossians 2:12).
- A burial in water (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12).
- A planting in water (Romans 6:5).
- A washing in water (Acts 22:16).
- A birth from / in water (John 3:5).

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN WATER BAPTISM:

You have remission of sins (Acts 2:38).
You are saved from your sins (1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16).
Your sins are washed away (Acts 22:16).
You get into Christ (Galatians 3:27).
You get into the church of Christ (Acts 2:37-47).
You put on Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).
You walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-5).
You obey Christ (Acts 10:48; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

DID YOU KNOW THAT MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S CHURCH (THE CHURCH OF CHRIST):

Must worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).
Must meet on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25).
Must sing (not play) (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).
Must pray (Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 2:1-2).
Must edify (teach, build up) one another (Romans 14:19; Ephesians 4:29).
Must observe the Lord's Supper every first day of every week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30).
Must give an offering every first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7).

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IS:

Preaching the Gospel to the world (Mark 16:15-16; 2 Timothy 4:2-5).
Teaching, edifying, building up the saints (Acts 15:35; Romans 15:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11).
Visiting the sick (Matthew 25:34-46).
Caring for the fatherless and widows (James 1:27).

DID YOU KNOW THAT WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN:

All the graves will be opened and the dead will be raised (John 5:28-29).
Those who were not faithful Christians will be cast into hell (Matthew 25:46).
Those who were faithful Christians will be taken to heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:46).
The entire universe will be destroyed and cease to exist (2 Peter 3:10).

DID YOU KNOW THAT GOD ADDS THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST:

When they are baptized in water (Acts 2:41,47).
All the saved are in the church, the spiritual body of Christ and are the only ones who will be saved (Ephesians 5:23).

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN BE A MEMBER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH TODAY:

By believing and obeying the Gospel (Romans 10:17; John 8:24; Acts 17:30; Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).
By following the examples of conversion in the New Testament.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SAME CHURCH WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

Is in this community.
Is not a denomination in any sense.
Is faithful to God's word.
Is ONE in "fact" and "teaching."
Gains members by their obedience to the Gospel of Christ.
Has freedom from human creeds and doctrines / teachings of men.
Has the same name for its members.
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