

# FIND A FAITHFUL CHURCH OF CHRIST NEAR YOU

The Church of Christ is not a denomination or a modern invention. It is the same body Christ established on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Wherever people hear, believe, repent, confess, and are baptized for the forgiveness of sins, the Lord adds them to His Church (Acts 2:47). God's pattern has not changed. The same Gospel that saved in the first century still saves today.

## How to Identify a Faithful Congregation

When searching for the Lord's Church, measure everything by Scripture. A faithful congregation will:

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### TEACH THE SAME PLAN OF SALVATION REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE:

Hearing (Romans 10:17) • Believing (Hebrews 11:6) • Repenting (Acts 2:38) • Confessing (Romans 10:9-10) • Being baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

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### WORSHIP ACCORDING TO THE NEW TESTAMENT:

- Singing without instrumental music (Ephesians 5:19)
- Prayer (Acts 2:42)
- The Lord's Supper each first day of the week (Acts 20:7)
- Giving as prospered (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
- Teaching sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

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### USE BIBLICAL ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY:

- Christ is the only Head (Ephesians 1:22-23)
- Elders and deacons serve locally (Philippians 1:1)
- The Bible alone is the rule of faith (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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### BEAR THE NAME AND MISSION:

- The Church of Christ (Romans 16:16)
- To seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)

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### WHERE TO START YOUR SEARCH:

You can locate faithful congregations using trusted directories such as:

- Churches of Christ Online Directory
- House to House / Heart to Heart Directory

When you visit, bring your Bible. Listen carefully. Ask questions. Compare everything with Scripture. A faithful church will welcome honest inquiry.

## **If You Have Not Yet Obeyed the Gospel**

Do not delay. Find a congregation that teaches the Gospel as revealed in the New Testament and ask to study further or to be baptized immediately.

Salvation is not scheduled. It is received the moment you obey (Acts 8:36-39).

## **If You Have Obeyed the Gospel**

Stay faithful to the body where you were added.

Worship regularly, grow in knowledge, and help others find the same narrow gate.

## **Remember**

Christ's Church is not hard to find. It's simply hard to leave once you've entered.

*“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” — Hebrews 3:15 NKJV*

-Natasha