

Are you Searching For the TRUTH ?

Will any religious belief get you to Heaven?
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Read in your Bible the **truth** about...

The New Testament Church

The new testament church is the **original** church established by Christ. It follows the **teachings** that Christ put forth in the **first** century, when Christ said "on this rock I will build **my** church" (**singular**).

Matthew 16:18-19 "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. 19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Acts 2:47b "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Christ laid out His instructions in the new testament that we are to follow for our souls to be saved. We are **not to add to or take from** those **rules** He put forth in the **New Testament**

Revelation 22: 18-19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Also see Galatians 1: 6-9

We came under the New Testament law when Christ died on the cross. See Colossians 2:14

If the scriptures do not **forbid** any act; **it does not** give permission for the act.

1 Peter 4:11a "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God;"

The true church of Christ in the proper role follows the New Testament **as written.**

2 Peter 1:3 "...all things that pertain unto life and godliness"

Beware of some church of Christ groups who have changed their teaching and are **false teachers.** There are men made **denominations** who have **changed** the **original teaching** of the New Testament church.

Acts 20:28-31

The New Testament authorizes the following

For Organization

Each church is **autonomous** [self ruled] with a plurality of elders and deacons

1 Peter 5: 1-2 "which are among you"

Christ is the **head** of the church. No **chain** of command or different **levels** of organization is authorized.

Ephesians 1:22-23 and 5:23 "even as Christ is the head of the church."

The religious title of **father** is prohibited. Matthew 23:9 "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven."

For Worship

The new testament is **specific** as to how we are to **worship** and conduct our lives. John 4:24 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Music is to be made by **singing.** The new testament **does not** authorize **mechanical musical instruments** as a part of the worship service.

Ephesians 5:19 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

The **Lords Supper** is observed on the **first day** of **every week**

Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread,"

Gifts to the church are by **individuals only,** as they have been blessed.

1 Corinthians 16:2 "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Worship services and preaching are conducted by **men only.**

1 Timothy 2:12 NKJV "And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence."

Also see 1 Corinthians 14:34

For Salvation

Faith, [Mark 16:16] "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Repentance [Acts 2:38] "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the

name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

and **Confession** [Romans 10:9-10] “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”, **precede** baptism.

Baptism is by **immersion** in water. [Romans 6:4] “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

[Colossians 2:12] “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

These are the **Necessary** steps for salvation

Infant baptism is **not** authorized in the new testament.

For Morality

Marriage is between a man and woman **only**.

Matthew 19:4-5 “And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?”

Homosexuality **is** a sin.

Romans 1: 26-27 “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”

Also see Galatians 5:19

Divorce and remarriage is **only** allowed when **adultery** is committed.

Matthew 19:9 “And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”

For Faithful Living

Regular attendance is **required** by **all** church members.

Hebrews 10:25 “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.”

As a congregation we support missionary work by preachers who **preach the gospel**.

Romans 10:13-18 v. 15 “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

The New Testament teaches us to support **widows and orphans** and other worthy causes.

James 1:27 “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

Galatians 6: 10 “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

To **believe** in something **does not** make it **true** or make it **acceptable to God**. The **truth** is in the **Bible**.

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

**Life on earth is Short,
but eternity is forever !**

**You can't afford to be
wrong !**