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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Sunday AM: “Love Is...” – 1 John 4:7-8

Sunday PM: “Five Truths of Matthew 7:21-23”



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today. If you are a first-time visitor with us, please fill out a ‘visitor card’ that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit. There are free tracts and literature on the wall in the foyer. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let us know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study.

Thank you for attending. We hope to see you often!

Is One Church Just as Good as Another?

In a religious world filled with many denominations and traditions, it is common to hear the statement, “One church is just as good as another.” While this idea may sound tolerant and appealing, the Bible presents a very different picture. Scripture teaches that Christ established one church, not many competing bodies, and that this church is distinct in its origin, purpose, doctrine, and leadership. To answer this question honestly, we must let the Bible, not human opinion define what the church is and how we are to relate to it.

The Bible plainly teaches that there is only one true church. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “*I will build My church,*” using the singular, not plural. Paul affirmed this truth by writing, “There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Ephesians 4:4–5). The “one body” is clearly identified as the church (Ephesians 1:22–23; Colossians 1:18). If Christ has only one body, then one church cannot be just as good as another when they teach different doctrines and practice different forms of worship.

The church belongs to Christ, not to men. In Acts 20:28, Paul reminds the elders that the church was “purchased with His own blood.” Since Christ paid the price for the church, He alone has the right to determine its doctrine, organization, and worship. Churches that wear names honoring men, follow human creeds, or practice things not authorized in Scripture cannot all be equally pleasing to God (Matthew 15:9; Colossians 3:17). The New Testament church sought only to follow the apostles’ teaching, not human tradition (Acts 2:42).

Doctrine matters because truth matters. Jesus prayed that His followers would be sanctified “by the truth,” adding, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17). Paul warned against teaching “a different gospel” and declared that those who do so are accursed (Galatians 1:6–9). If churches teach contradictory doctrines about salvation, worship, or authority, they cannot all be right. Truth by nature is exclusive; error cannot stand alongside it as equally valid (John 8:32).

The Bible also teaches that God adds the saved to His church, not to a denomination. After people heard the gospel, believed in Christ, repented of their sins, and were baptized for the forgiveness of sins, “the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:38, 41, 47). There is no record in Scripture of God adding anyone to a man-made religious body. Salvation is found in Christ, and Christ is the Savior of the body, the church (Ephesians 5:23).

While sincerity is important, sincerity alone does not make one right before God. Saul of Tarsus was sincere while persecuting Christians, yet he was still in sin until he obeyed the gospel (Acts 22:3–16; 23:1).

Likewise, many religious people are sincere today, but sincerity must be guided by obedience to God’s word (James 1:22). Jesus Himself warned that not everyone who claims to follow Him will be accepted, but only those who do the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21–23).

In conclusion, the Bible does not support the idea that one church is just as good as another. Christ established one church, purchased it with His blood, and revealed His will for it in the New Testament. Our responsibility is not to choose a church that best fits our preferences, but to seek the church described in Scripture and submit to Christ’s authority. When we do, we can be confident that we are pleasing God rather than men (Acts 5:29).



God Bless -Todd

TEAM TWO

Meet tonight (Sunday, Jan 11th) in the annex to sign cards for our Evangelism program.

You may sign cards before or after evening service



YOUTH NEWS

**January 25th
After morning worship
Lunch and Practice
For those participating in
Lads to Leaders**



Attendance & Contribution

	1/4/26	Goal	12/28/24
Bible Study	65	90	56
AM Worship	115	130	91
PM Worship	82	90	60
Mid-Week	79	90	48
Contribution	\$6152.52		\$6028.02

**Free Bible Correspondence Courses
Available by Mail:**

- 8 lesson series by Hurt
- “Studies in The Bible” (30 lessons)
- “Acts of The Apostles” by Pharr (6 lessons)
- “Getting to Know Jesus” by Pharr (20 lessons)

