

THE PATTERN FOR WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT IS ALSO GIVEN. The nature of Christian worship is in *spirit* (with the mind) and in *truth* (according to the truth revealed by God's Word) (Jn. 4:24). The five acts of worship are:

- 1) Prayer - Acts 2:42.
- 2) Vocal Congregational Singing - Eph. 5:19.
- 3) Preaching - Acts 20:7.
- 4) Lord's Supper every first day of the week - Acts 20:7.
- 5) Contribution (giving) - I Cor. 16:1-2.

The church must continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine on these points, not adding to or subtracting from these divinely prescribed acts (2 Jn. 9-11).

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH WHICH CHRIST BUILT IS ALSO MADE KNOWN TO MEN. The mission of the church is to preach the gospel, making known the manifold wisdom of God to the world (Eph. 3:10). Authorized work of the church may be described as three-fold:

- 1) Evangelism - Mk. 16:15; Mt. 28:19-20.
- 2) Edification (teaching program) - Eph. 4:12.
- 3) Benevolence (feeding hungry & and such like) - Acts 2:44-45; 4:35; 6:1-4.

All Christians are to maintain good works (Titus 3:8).

HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH THAT CHRIST BUILT?

The Bible is clear concerning the terms of entrance into the church that Christ built. These conditions of salvation can be found in your New Testament, that law which is bound on men now living:

- 1—HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD - ROMANS 10:17
- 2—BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST - JOHN 8:24
- 3—REPENT OF SINS - LUKE 13:3
- 4—CONFESS JESUS AS THE LORD - ROMANS 10:9
- 5—BE BAPTIZED FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS - ACTS 2:38

The Churches of Christ today are committed to a

restoration of New Testament Christianity. The apostle Paul taught to follow after the "**traditions**" delivered in the first century (2 Thess. 2:15). We must beware of counterfeits built by mere men (Heb. 8:2; Mt. 15:8-9, 13-14; 2 Jn. 9-11). Some may argue, "But our church has a name that is in the Bible." Yes, but having a scriptural name for a religious body of people *alone* is not sufficient. Does it also have the right time & place of beginning, organization, pattern of worship, specified work, and correct plan of salvation? Jesus asked, "**And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**" (Lk. 6:46). Simply to be right in one, two or even *some* points of the law of Christ will not suffice, we must do *all* the will of God. "**For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all**" (James 2:10). Friend, does the church where you attend possess *all* the characteristics of the church Christ built?

If the churches of Christ can help you to understand more about the church that *Christ* built, let us know for we are willing and ready to assist you. ■

The Church Christ Built



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