

The Sword Of The Spirit

“What Is The church Of Christ? (#2)”

Sometimes people ask about the church of Christ; what it is, what it stands for, etc. In our last article, we looked at who makes up the church of Christ (Christians, Acts 2:47), and a few examples of local congregations in the New Testament. Let us continue this study.

While the church of Christ in the universal sense (all Christians the world over), has no earthly organization, a local church, in order to be Scripturally organized, is to be organized with elders, deacons, and saints (Phil. 1:1). The qualifications for the elders and deacons are found in I Timothy 3:1-7, 8-13 and Titus 1:5-9. The qualifications for saints are to hear God's word, believe that Jesus is the Son of God, repent of sins, confess faith in Christ and be baptized (Rom. 10:17; Jn. 8:24; Acts 17:30; Matt. 10:32; Mk. 16:16). A saint is simply a Christian (Rom. 1:7)!

In addition to this, the local church has work to do. Every congregation of God's people can do what God expects. Each church has a work to evangelize the world, to edify (spiritually build up) its saints, and show benevolence to its saints (Eph. 4:12; I Tim. 3:15; I Thess. 5:11; I Tim. 5:16). All churches can accomplish this work daily. (To be continued...)

Service Times:

Sunday: 10, 10:45 am,
5 pm

Wednesday: 7 pm

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