

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK #1

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1 PETER 3:15 (NKJV)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

**Questions we
are asked**

**“May I speak
to the owner?”**

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT

- The church belongs to Christ
 - Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)
 - 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock ***I will build My church***, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it
- Jesus ascended to heaven after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-11)

**“What church do
you pastor?”**

**“Pastor” to the denominations means one man
who is over the church. That is completely
foreign to the NT!**

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT

- The organization of the church includes: overseers, deacons, members and evangelists.
 - Philippians 1:1 (NKJV)
 - **1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:**

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT

- “Pastor” “shepherd” “bishop” “overseers” are terms applied to the overseers of the church
 - Acts 20:28 (NKJV)
 - 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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- **Note: “Yourselves” Not “yourself”**

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THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT

- A preacher may be a “pastor”
 - Peter was a preacher and an elder
 - 1 Peter 5:1 (NKJV)
 - 1 The elders who are among you I exhort, **I who am a fellow elder** and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:
 - But he has to meet the qualifications in 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:1-5

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT

- There has to be a plurality
 - Acts 14:23 (NKJV)
 - **23** So when they had appointed **elders** in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

**“What denomination do
you belong?”**

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT

- **Jesus established His church**
 - Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)
 - 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
 - **NOT denominations**

**THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS NOT A
DENOMINATION**

IT HAS NO DENOMINATIONAL

- **Founder (Mt. 16:18)**
- **Head (Eph. 1:22)**
- **Name (Rom. 16:16)**
- **Worship (Jn. 4:24)**
- **Creed (2 Jn. 9)**
- **Plan of Salvation
(Acts 2:38)**

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- **Not**
 - The meeting house
 - Just an organization
 - A social club
 - Just a benevolent institution

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

**People that have been called out of
the world by the gospel of Christ
and accepted that call who
constitute a saved body unto the
Lord**

SEVERAL TERMS ARE USED TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THE CHURCH

- **Body (Eph. 1:22-23)**
- **Kingdom (Col. 1:13)**
- **Temple (Eph. 2:19-22)**
- **Family (1 Tim. 3:15)**