

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK #2

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**“Where are your
headquarters?”**

WHERE ARE YOUR HEADQUARTERS?

- The Bible teaches
 - **That churches control their own work**
 - 1 Peter 5:2 (NKJV)
 - 2 Shepherd the flock of God **which is among you**, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly

**“What is your
creed?”**

WHAT IS YOUR CREED?

- The Bible teaches
 - **That it is all-sufficient**
 - **2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)**
 - 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
 - 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. >

WHAT IS YOUR CREED?

- The Bible teaches
 - **That we can understand, believe and follow the New Testament**
 - **Ephesians 3:4 (NKJV)**
 - 4 by which, **when you read, you may understand** my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

“Do you believe that only members of the church of Christ will be saved?”

“ONLY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ARE GOING TO BE SAVED?”

- The PROBLEM
 - **Most people think that all churches are the same as far as salvation. “Attend the church of your choice, all roads lead to heaven, etc.”**

PEOPLE LOOK FOR A CHURCH THAT HAS

- A bus for trips
- A nursery for kids
- Programs for young people
- An exercise room
- An entertaining worship that doesn't make one feel guilty

THE BIBLE TEACHES

- That the church, belonging to Christ is not a denomination
- That it is an institution where its members serve one another; NOT members waiting to be served

THE BIBLE TEACHES

That the church is body
made up of the saved

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- **Acts 2:47 (NKJV)**
 - 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

THE BIBLE TEACHES

What about the
Hypocrites?

THE BIBLE TEACHES

- That the unfaithful will be judged and separated from the saved on the day of judgment
 - Ephesians 5:27 (NKJV)
 - 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

THE CHURCH IS

- People that have been called out of the world and accepted that call and are saved who constitute a saved body unto the Lord.
- And to say, “Only the saved will be saved” should produce no prejudice.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

- **Matthew 7:21–23 (NKJV)**

- **21** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**
- **22** Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’
- **23** And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

QUESTION

- Can you be saved in a church started by man that teaches the doctrines of men?
- Jesus said:
 - Matthew 15:9 (NKJV)
⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

**“Why don’t you
people believe in
the Old Testament?”**

“WHY DON’T YOU BELIEVE THE OLD TESTAMENT?”

- We do!
 - 2 Peter 1:20–21 (NKJV)
 - 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,
 - 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but **holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.**

“WHY DON’T YOU BELIEVE THE OLD TESTAMENT?”

- We study and learn from it
 - Romans 15:4 (NKJV)
 - 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

“WHY DON’T YOU BELIEVE THE OLD TESTAMENT?”

- But it is not our law!
 - Colossians 2:14 (NKJV)
 - 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. **And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**

“WHY DON’T YOU BELIEVE THE OLD TESTAMENT?”

- People who do want to pick and choose
 - Example: Instrumental music (Ps 150)
 - James said,
 - **James 2:10 (NKJV)**
 - **10** For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

CONCLUSION

- **Why don't you people have music in your worship? Next week!**