
The elders of a given local congregation, church, had a responsibility that congregation (Acts 14:23; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:7,17). **BUT** they had no power over any other church.

FAITH ONLY

Some Christian Churches teach faith only will bring salvation. The Bible does say that we are saved by "faith" (Romans 5:1), but **not** by "faith only" (James 2:14-26). Other things are necessary, e.g., **Repentance** (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30), **Confession** (Romans 10:9-10), and **Baptism** (1 Peter 3:21). It is time we got back to speaking as the oracles of God, and stopped taking bits and pieces of the word.

FELLOWSHIP ERROR

Christian Churches fellowship error in extending the right hand of fellowship to denominations. Yet we not such passages as 2 John 9-11; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. In the words of the Old Testament Prophet Amos "*Can two walk together, except they be agreed*" (Amos 3:3)? One wonders how anyone who loves God could claim to fellowship error.

CONCLUSION

As you can see contrary to what many think there are more difference between the Christian Church and the church you read about in your New Testaments beside Mechanical Instruments of Music. The Christian Church must return to a "*thus saith the Lord*" if it would be true.

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Christian Churches are sometimes erroneously thought to be churches of Christ. There is a difference in the two. You will herein see seven errors of Christian Churches.

NAME

Christian Churches claim that they may wear the name Christian Church since members are called Christians (Acts 11:26). That is human reasoning. Where is the Bible authority to do such? We are to do what Jesus tells us (Col. 3:17). We do so in referring to the church (Acts 2:47) as *churches of Christ* (Romans 16:16), *kingdom of heaven* (Matthew 16:18-19), *house of God* (1 Timothy 3:15), *etc.* We speak as the "*oracles of God*" (1 Peter 4:11) in using those names found in the scriptures, but not in any others. We are God's children (1 John 3:10) and the friends of Christ (John 15:14). Dare we call ourselves *Children's Church* or *Friends Church*?

MUSIC

The Christian Church uses Mechanical Instruments of Music in their worship. All of the passages found in the New Testament: Matthew 26:29; Acts 16:25; Romans 15:9; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2;12 and James 5:16 all have sing in them. Where is play or play and sing mentioned? If we do what Jesus says (Colossians 3:17), and we do not add or subtract (Deuteronomy 4:2), what will we do? If one goes to the Old Testament for the instrument, he must take all of the sacrifices that are there also. If to heaven, one must bring all else down as well, eg. tree of life, angels, etc. Let us sing, and do no more or no less than authorized.

LORD'S SUPPER

Christian Churches do not observe the Lord's supper every Sunday. One wonders why they don't especially in view of Acts 20:7. The church of the first century observed the Lord's supper "*upon the first day of the week*".

Question: How often does the first day of the week come? The "as often" of 1 Corinthians 11:26 is every Sunday according to Acts 20:7. The frequency of observing the Lord's supper is the same as the contribution (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Why should we change God's way?

TITLES

Christian Churches call their preachers Reverend or Pastor. If a preacher serves as an elder in addition to preaching, he may be a pastor (1 Peter 5:1). However, he will not be **THE PASTOR**. There were a plurality of pastors in each church (Acts 14:23). But never just one. As to the use of reverend, read Psalm 119:9 and also Matthew 23:1. Rather than setting some apart (a clergy-laity system), we should realize that **all** we are brethren who are in Christ (Matthew 23:8).

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The mission work of the Christian Church is carried out by a missionary society. The society makes the decisions as to what will be done, and the churches are bound to go along. Beloved, that is not the arrangement God gave. Each congregation is to be autonomous that is self-governing.
