

What's Right About the Church of Christ (pt 2)

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Introduction: In our first lesson we noted the church uses the _____ as its source of authority (2 Timothy 3:16-17). 1 John 4:1 demands we “test the spirits, where they are of God.” We might also be careful to “test the _____, whether they are of _____.” So, consider several more factors that are right about the church of Christ.

I. She Adheres to First-Century _____

- A. The term “_____” is used in two senses in the Bible.
 - 1. _____ Church (Colossians 1:18; Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47)
 - 2. _____ Church (Galatians 1:2; Acts 15:4; Rev 2:1; 1 Cor 1:2; Philippians 1:1; Acts 20:28-30).
- B. The modern denominational hierarchies so common today are often foreign to the organization found in the _____ Testament church.

II. She Practices New Testament _____ (John 4:24; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 22:8-9)

- A. _____ (Matt 28:19; Acts 2:42; 20:7)
- B. Contributing (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 2:42)
- C. Breaking Bread (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:26)
- D. _____ (Acts 2:42; Philippians 4:6)
- E. Singing (Hebrews 2:12; Ephesians 5:19)

III. Her _____ is Christ-Derived (Matthew 28:18-20)

- A. The work of the church is not _____, recreation and _____ (Romans 14:17).
- B. It is...
 - 1. _____ (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 5:42; 13:1-3)
 - 2. Edification (Ephesians 4:11-16; Acts 2:42)
 - 3. _____ (Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:25-26)

IV. Her _____ Code is Uncompromising (Ephesians 5:25-27)

- A. God's plan for the _____ is still legit (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-9).
- B. _____ is still _____ (1 John 3:4; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21).
- C. Pursuing a righteous life is still God's _____ (Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3).

Conclusion: For some Christians today, they are afraid to speak up about the areas where the church is _____. For that reason, churches are being infiltrated with _____ teaching. We ought not to be ashamed to speak as the _____ speak and to stand firmly for God (Romans 1:16).