

Spring 2017  
Gospel Meeting

Fifth Street East  
Church of Christ

"I Am A Member Of The Church Of Christ Because ..."

The Church Belongs To Jesus, Not Me


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# Shopping for the "Church of Me"



## The Christian and Christ

- **Lose self in Christ**
  - Deny self, take up cross and follow, *Luke 9:23*
  - Count the cost, pay the price, *Luke 14:25-27*
  - Christ lives in me by faith, *Galatians 2:20*
- **Some appear to ask, "Why should I?"**  
*Matthew 19:23-30*



## Shopping for the "Church of Me"




- **Satisfy self, 2 Timothy 4:3-4**
  - Pick and choose beliefs and practices
  - This always leads to spiritual death, *Galatians 1:6-10*
- **Have you been shopping for the Church of Me?**
- **Are you already a member?**




## The "Church of Me" Shopper is not Satisfied with Sound Doctrine

- **Grows tired of gospel preaching, 2 Timothy 4:2-4**
  - Exposes, reproves, and rebukes sin, *2 Timothy 3:16-17*
  - Sign of rebellion against God, cf. *Isaiah 30:8-11*



**1 Timothy 6:3**



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- **Respect for Bible authority is foreign, Colossians 3:17 (Luke 6:46)**
- **Form of godliness, 2 Timothy 3:1-5**
  - Have denied its power
  - It has a name, but no spiritual life, *Revelation 3:1-2*




**1 Timothy 6:3**



### Shopping for Doctrines?

- **Social gospel**, *1 Corinthians 11:22, 34*
- **Plan of salvation**, *Ephesians 4:4-6*
- **Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage**, *Galatians 1:8-9*
- **Unity in diversity**, *2 John 9-11*
- **Are you already a member of the Church of Me?**



**1 Timothy 6:3**

### The "Church of Me" Shopper is not Satisfied with Gospel Morals


- **Deceives people into thinking the stain of the world won't rub off**, *1 Corinthians 15:33; Ephesians 5:5-7*
- **No separation**, *2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1*
  - Daily life, *Romans 12:1-2*
  - Rebellion against God, *1 Thessalonians 4:7-8*



**2 Timothy 2:22; Titus 2:11-12; 1 John 2:15-17**

### Shopping for Morality?


- **Profanity and angry exchanges**, *Ephesians 4:29-32*
- **Immodest clothing**, *1 Timothy 2:9-10*
- **Dancing and drinking**, *1 Peter 4:3*
- **Sinful entertainment**, *Ephesians 5:3-4*
- **Are you already a member of the Church of Me?**



**2 Timothy 2:22; Titus 2:11-12; 1 John 2:15-17**

### The "Church of Me" Shopper wants Comfort and Convenience

- **Attendance is optional and occasional**, *Hebrews 10:24-25*
- **Little personal responsibility toward others**, *1 Corinthians 12:25-27; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:14*
  - "I have my own troubles – don't bother me"
  - Self-centered living, *Matthew 7:12*



**Luke 9:57-62**

### The "Church of Me" Shopper wants Comfort and Convenience

- **Personal accountability is not expected**, *Galatians 6:5; 2 Thessalonians 3:10 (6, 14-15)*
  - "It's my business—leave me alone!" *Romans 14:7*
  - All will give account, *Romans 14:12*
- **Are you shopping for a convenient form of Christianity?** *Acts 24:25*
- **Are you already a member of the Church of Me?**



**Luke 9:57-62**

### The Church of Christ

- Christ is the only foundation that will endure, *1 Corinthians 3:11 (Matthew 7:24)*
- Jesus already built His church
  - It is not the "Church of Me"
- Submit to God, not to self, *James 4:7-10*