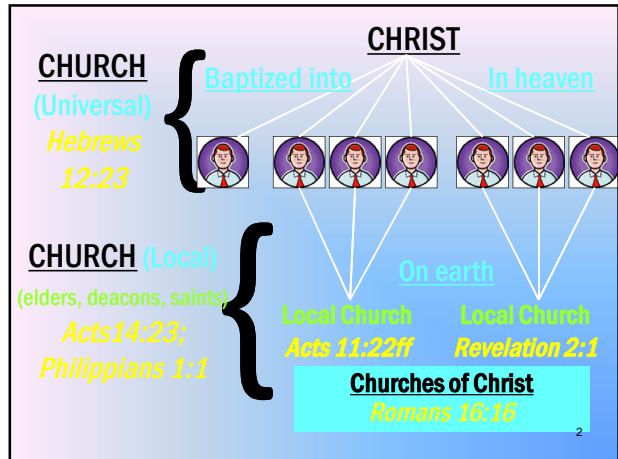


# Why Am I A Member Of The Church Of Christ?

(Part 5)  
Matthew 16:13-18

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- ▶ **Founded upon Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**  
Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Corinthians 2:2
- ▶ **Began in Jerusalem about 33 AD**  
Isaiah 2:3; Matthew 3:2; Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 10:9; Matthew 10:7; Mark 9:1; Luke 24:44ff; Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-4,47; 11:15

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- ▶ **Christ is its head and only source of authority.** Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 1:22-23; Matthew 21:23-27; Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46
- ▶ **Not:**
  - Old Testament.
  - The preacher.
  - Creeds of men.
  - Desires of the congregation.
  - Elders.
  - Results accomplished.

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- ▶ **Organized after the divine pattern.**  
**Philippians 1:1; cf. Hebrews 8:1-5**
  - Elders: Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1ff; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-7
  - Deacons: 1 Timothy 3:8-13
  - Members: 1 Corinthians 12:12ff

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- ▶ **No creed but the Bible.**
  - Gospel – God’s power to save. Romans 1:16
- ▶ **Complete will of God.** 2 Peter 1:3
  - Promised. John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13
  - Inspired. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - Spirit revealed. Ephesians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; 1 Peter 1:12
  - May not add to or change. Galatians 1:6-9; 2 John 9
  - Understandable. Ephesians 3:3-4
  - Once for all delivered. Jude 3

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- ▶ **Scriptural in name.** (Description)
  - *"The church of God"* 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Timothy 3:15
  - *"The body of Christ"* Ephesians 1:22–23
  - *"Bride of Christ"* Romans 7:4; Revelation 21:9
  - *"Church of the firstborn"* Hebrews 12:23
  - *"House of God"* 1 Timothy 3:15
  - *"Churches of Christ"* Romans 16:16

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- ▶ **Members called by Scriptural names:**
  - Disciples. John 15:8; Acts 11:26
  - Saints. Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Philippians 1:1
  - Brethren. Luke 8:21; Galatians 6:1
  - Children. Galatians 3:26; 1 John 2:1
  - Christians. Isaiah 62:2; Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16
- ▶ *"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?"*  
1 Corinthians 1:12–13

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