

Why am I a Member of the church of Christ?

Simply put, they follow the Bible
and the others don't.

They say they do but they don't!

To illustrate the point –

The Bible says God (*elohim* – a plural word) is the creator of all that exists!

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him. (17) He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Jehovah's Witnesses deny that Jesus is God—they say he is “a god,” thus, they are not Christians!

To illustrate the point – why
assemble on the first day of the
week?

The Seventh Day Adventists don't –
they claim the Catholic church
changed the day of worship from
Saturday to Sunday.

The reason they assembled— for the Lord's Supper!

1Co 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, (21) for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk. (22) What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

How often did they assemble? – each Sunday

1Co 16:2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

The Corinthians assembled for the wrong reason –
it should have been to partake of the Lord's Supper
but it wasn't!

A church that comes together for a common meal
or any other purpose is not the church Jesus
established. They do not have the approval of God!

Act 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we
were gathered together to break bread, Paul began
talking to them, intending to leave the next day,
and he prolonged his message until midnight.

To illustrate the point –

The denominations do not assemble for the right reason – they partake of the Lord's Supper at random intervals – not as the church Jesus established did!

The denominations have no Scriptural idea why they assemble on Sunday!

To illustrate the point –

Many denominations say they come together on the Christian Sabbath – try finding that in the Bible

–there is no such thing as the Christian Sabbath on this earth according to the Scriptures!

To illustrate the point –

Out of 2500 different denominations claiming Jesus as their head, only 46 use accapella music in their service.

Why?

Because the vast majority want what pleases them – not what pleases God!

Eph 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. (16) Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

No mention is made of a man-made instrument in this praise to God.

To illustrate the point -- The denominations cite the OT as the authority for instrumental music –
WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT? LOOK AT THE
BIBLE!

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. (7) For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

Heb 9:15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. (16) For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. (17) For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

It is clear from the Scriptures that we are not under the OT but under the NT.

We listen – not to the Law of Moses – but to the Law of liberty, given by Jesus Christ!

Heb 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, (2) in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Mat 17:4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (5) While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

Deu 5:1 Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully. (2) "The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. (3) "The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, with all those of us alive here today.

A prejudicial question on the radio
program yesterday!

Are all Baptists going to be lost?

The answer is, “Are they following
the commandments of God?”

1Jn 2:3 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. (4) The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

Rev 12:17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

God's children are those *"who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus"*

Satan does not make war with those who do not *keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus – They are on his side!!*

If we can show that a religious group does not follow the commandments of God, we have demonstrated that those who adhere to that doctrine are not “children of God.”

They may be good people – nice people – relatives – they may do good works, but if they don't *keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus*, they are not “children of God.”

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

Of all the religious groups claiming to follow Christ, only the church of Christ teaches the God given plan of Salvation

Hear that Jesus is Christ – the United Church of Christ, Pope Francis says atheists will go to heaven

Believe that Jesus is Christ – the Baptist church, most non-denominational churches

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; (10) for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Is it necessary to confess that Jesus is the Christ to be saved? – not according to the Baptist church! “Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour”

In 12:42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; (43) for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

Repent (turn from) of Your sins

Luk 13:3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish

The Baptists – salvation occurs at belief; baptism by immersion is the initiation into the Baptist church.

The Roman Catholics – salvation is through the administration of baptism (sprinkling) by a priest to save one from Adam's sin -- not their own!

Non-denominational churches – salvation is obtained through the “sinner's prayer.”

Compare that with what the Bible says!

1Pe 3:21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

If the Bible says “baptism now saves you”, why would you argue with that. It illustrates my point when the denominations argue with God – they don’t follow the Bible!

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Repent (turn from) of Your sins

Be baptized for the remission of your sins!

Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. (36) As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" (37) [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] (38) And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.

You have heard God's plan for your salvation, why not humble yourself and obey Him now?

Act 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' (NIV)