

# Uniqueness of the Church of Christ/Christian Church

*All the churches of Christ greet you. Romans 16:16*

## Churches following Biblical principles

- Where the Scriptures speak, we speak.  
Where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent.
- Do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names.
- Book, chapter and verse for everything we believe and practice.

## Churches rejecting human creeds

- No creed but Christ; No Book but the Bible; No home but heaven.
- If creeds say less than the Bible, it doesn't say enough; if more than the Bible, it says too much; and if it says just what the Bible says, it is unnecessary.
- Creeds do not unite; they divide.
- As far as I find it consistent with the Word of God.

## Churches with no denominational affiliation

- Churches practice local autonomy. This means that each local church is independent of other churches.
- There is no denominational hierarchy.
- Divisions caused by denominationalism are wrong. I Corinthians 1:10-13
- Church members prefer to be called simply "Christians" and reject any man-made label.
- The Bible only makes "Christians" only.
- Each local assembly has Christ as the Head of the church.
- Each local assembly selects its own plurality of elders (pastors) and evangelists to assist in evangelizing and equipping the local assembly. – Ephesians 4:11
- Deacons are also selected by the local assembly to serve the church in many different ministries.

*The Bible Only  
Makes Christians Only!*

## Churches believing Jesus is the ONLY way

- Jesus said this in John 14:6.
- Peter said this in Acts 4:12.
- The Bible only presents one way to heaven and that is through Jesus and on His terms.
- The Biblical plan to salvation is plain and very simple.
- This Biblical plan can be easily summarized:
  - Hear God's Word - Matthew 7:24; I Corinthians 15:1-4
  - Believe God's Word (have faith in it) - Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1
  - Repent (turning away from sin unto God) - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
  - Confess Jesus Christ as the Christ, the Son of the living God - Matthew 10:32, 16:16; Romans 10:8-13
  - Be immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:38, 22:16; Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21
  - Live the Christian life showing love and gratitude to God for His salvation, looking forward to His Son's return - James 1:22-24, 2:20

## Churches devoted to Acts 2:42

- They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42
- This includes weekly observance of the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of the death of Jesus – Acts 20:7.
- This includes the preaching and teaching of the Bible.
- This includes opportunities for Christian fellowship for growth and edification.

## Churches believing in unity, but based in the truth

- There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6
- In matters of faith, unity; in opinions, liberty; and in all things, love.

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