

Change (Part 5)

Matthew 15:1-9

■ Apostasy Prophesied

Acts 20:28-30; 1 Timothy 4:1-3;
2 Peter 2:1-3

Subject To Change?

- **Founded upon Jesus Christ, the Son of God.** Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Corinthians 2:2
- **Began in Jerusalem about 33 A.D.** 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

Subject To Change?

- **Christ is its head and only source of authority.** Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:17-18; Matthew 21:23-27; Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46
- **Christ built only one church.** Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:4; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:23-25

Subject To Change?

- **The Lord added the saved to the church.** Acts 2:41-47
- **Only those who believed, repented and were baptized for the remission of sins were added to the church.** Acts 2:36-42
- **Majority of men will be lost.** Matthew 7:13-14

Subject To Change?

- **Organized after the divine pattern.** **Philippians 1:1**
 - **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

Subject To Change?

- **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

Subject To Change?

- **Scriptural in name.**
 - “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

Subject To Change?

- **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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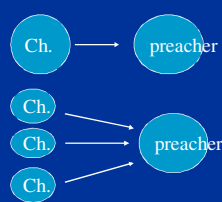
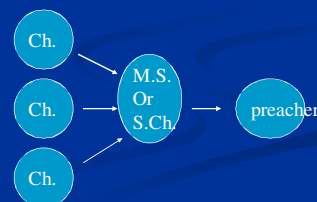
- **Worship according to the Scriptures:**
 - Singing. Matthew 26:30; Acts 16:25; Romans 15:9; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12; 13:15; James 5:13
 - Praying. Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5,12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - Teaching. Acts 5:42; 1 Timothy 3:15
 - Lord’s Supper. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23ff
 - Giving. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Subject To Change?

- **Has a divine mission.**
 - Evangelism. 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Corinthians 9:14; Acts 11:22; Philippians 1:3-6; 2:25; 4:14-16; 2 Corinthians 11:8-9
 - Benevolence. Acts 2,4,6; Acts 11:27-30; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:1-2; Romans 15:25-26
 - Edification. Ephesians 4:11-16

Subject to Change? Work Of Evangelism (Autonomous Churches)

- 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Corinthians 9:14; Acts 11:22; Acts 13:3; Philippians 4:15; 2 Corinthians 11:8-9.

This:  **Not This:** 

Subject to Change? Work Of Benevolence (Autonomous Churches)

■ This:

■ Not This:

Reason for giving:
"that there might be equality"
2 Corinthians 8:14

Subject to Change? The Work Of Edification

Local Church

→ 1. Place

→ 2. Personnel

→ 3. Provisions

Ephesians 4:11-16

Subject To Change?

- The work of the church.
 - A Political Force? John 18:33-38
 - A Business Organization?
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7
 - A Secular School? 1 Corinthians 1:20-21
 - A Social Center? Romans 14:17; 1 Corinthians 11:22-34