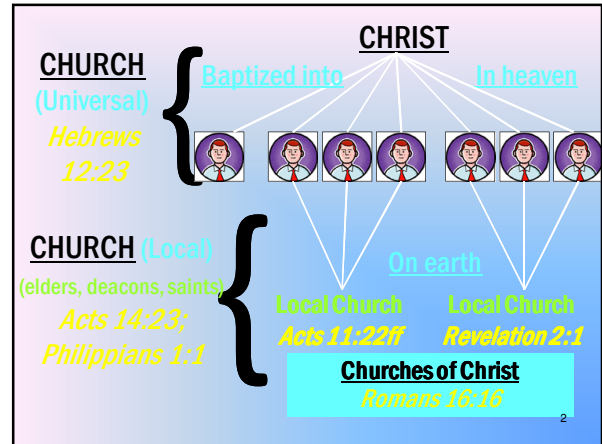


# Why Am I A Member Of The Church Of Christ?

(Part 3)  
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

