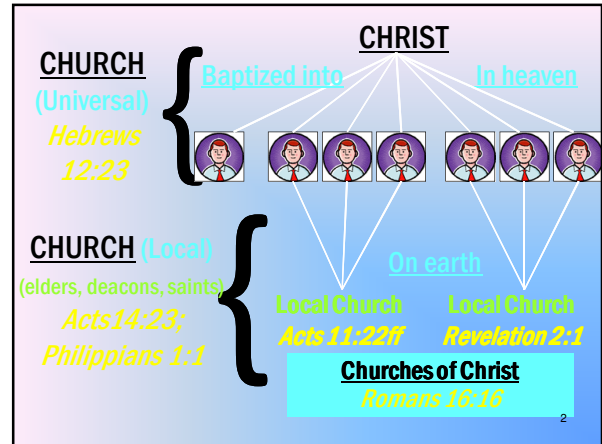


Why Am I A Member Of The Church Of Christ?

(Part 4)
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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