

## WHY I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST #13

I Am A Member Of The Church Of Christ Because...

**ITS ONLY FOUNDATION, ITS ONLY BUILDER, AND ITS ONLY HEAD, IS JESUS THE CHRIST, THE DIVINE SON OF GOD.**

It can safely be said that every religious organization in existence came either from God or man. There are no other options. If it came from man, then it is without scriptural (Bible) authority. If it came from God, then it enjoys the sanction and approval of God. We invite and encourage you to investigate to see where the church of which you are a member came from. Did it come from God, or did it come from man? Let's be honest and seek the truth.

The church of Christ came from God.

**The foundation of the church of Christ is Jesus the Christ.** *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). All other foundations will perish for Jesus is "...the stone which...is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:11-12).*

Denominational churches have men as their founder: Martin Luther (Lutheran), John Smyth (Baptist), John Wesley (Methodist), Charles Russell (Jehovah's Witness), Mary Baker Eddy (Seventh Day Adventist), Joseph Smith (Mormon), the popes (Catholic). The teaching of John Calvin (Presbyterian) has been (and still is) responsible for leading multitudes away from Christ. Who founded

the church of which you are a member?

**The church of Christ was founded and built by Jesus the Christ, the only begotten Son of God.** Jesus said, *"...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"* (Matt. 16:18). The message he preached was that he would establish his church/kingdom (Matt. 4:17). He spoke of it in Mark 9:1 saying, *"...there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen **the kingdom of God** come with power."* Denominations were built by men, but the church of Christ was built by Jesus.

**The head of the church of Christ is Jesus the Christ.** The Holy Spirit spoke to the church at Ephesus saying that God the Father *"...hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be **the head over all things to the church**, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all"* (Eph. 1:22-23). To those at Colosse we read: *"and he (Jesus Christ) is **the head of the body, the church**: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence"* (Col. 1:18).

Denominations have a succession of men as their head, but not the church of Christ. The Lord's church does not look to any man for its origin or authority. The Lord's church has only one head. It is Jesus the Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Why not become a member of the Lord's church, the church of Christ today. Salvation is only found in Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 2:10).

— Garland M. Robinson