

# “What’s Right About The Church Of Christ”

Lesson Text: **Matthew 16:16-18.**

## I. The Church Of Christ Has The Right Founder.

- **Matthew 16:18**, Jesus Is The One And Only Founder Of The Church! **Zechariah 6:12-13.**
- The Founder Is Also The Head Of The Church.
  - **Ephesians 4:15; 5:23; Colossians 1:18.**
- The Father Gave Him This Authority.
  - **Philippians 2:8-11; Matthew 28:18.**
- No Man Has The Right To Usurp Christ’s Authority To Establish Another Church! But Many Have!
  - Creflo & Taffi Dollar, Lou & Mirian Ramos, Max Lucado, Earl & Mariah Palmer— All Founding Pastors Of Today.
  - What Are Men Founding Today? Christ’s Church Or Their Own?

Time	Place	Founder	Church
606 AD	Rome	Boniface III	Roman Catholic
1520 AD	Germany	Martin Luther	Lutheran
1534 AD	England	Henry VIII	Episcopalian
1536 AD	Switzerland	John Calvin	Presbyterian
1550 AD	England	Robert Brown	Congregational
1607 AD	Holland	John Smythe	Baptist
1739 AD	England	John Wesley	Methodist
1830 AD	America	Joseph Smith	Mormon
1830 AD	America	William Miller	7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
1866 AD	America	Mary Baker Eddy	Christian Scientist
1872 AD	America	Charles T. Russell	Jehovah’s Witnesses

## II. The Church Of Christ Has The Right Foundation.

- Foundations Are Extremely Important! **Matthew 7:24-27.**
- **Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:19-22.**
- When And Where Would Jesus Lay The Foundation For His Church?
  - Foundation Was Prophesied At Jerusalem. **Isaiah 2:2-3; Acts 2:1-5.**
  - It Was At The Beginning- **Acts 11:15.**
  - The Time Of The Foundation Laid Was On Pentecost 33 A.D.
- The Church Of Christ Teaches Men To Go Back To The Right Foundation To Be The Church!
- Not Start A New Foundation With A Founding Pastor! Wrong Person Wrong Place, & Wrong Time!

## III. The Church Of Christ Has The Right Name.

- When Jesus Built His Church, He Didn’t Leave Men To Figure Out What They Would Name it. It Is Entirely An Invention Of Man To Have To Name A Church.
- It Is Actually The Result Of Separating & Denominating That Causes Such A Need!
- If We Were Truly One In Christ, We Would Not Need A Formal Designation (**1 Cor. 1:10; 4:17**).
- Church of Christ- **Romans 16:16; Galatians 1:22.**
- Church of God- **1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Acts 20:28.**
- The Church Of Christ Is Not A Denominational Title, But What Paul Referred To It In Scripture.
- What About Unknown Designations? Baptists? Catholics? Pentecostals? Lutherans? Presbyterians? Methodists? Episcopalians? Grace Trinity Church? New Life Church?
- How Can Anyone Say They Are Following The Bible As Their Guide? **1 Peter 4:11; Col. 3:17.**

## IV. The Church Of Christ Has The Right Gospel.

- **Mark 16:15-16.** Faith, Repentance (**Luke 24:47**), Confession (**Rom. 10:10**), & Baptism (**Acts 2:38**).
- **Why? Romans 1:16;**
- When Men Add Or Take Away From The Gospel— It Ceases To Be The Gospel of Christ.
- Faith Only, The Sinner’s Prayer, Or Must Have A Holy Spirit Experience— Not So!