



**Which Church
Would The Lord
Assemble With
Today?**

What Does Jesus Want For Us Today?

- He wants the same thing His Father wants
 - 2Peter 3:9
- He wants us to be saved.



How Would Jesus Want To Accomplish That?

- The same question was asked in Acts 2:36-37.
- Peter's answer - Acts 2:38-40.
- It is what Christ wanted him to say - Luke 24:46-49.
- It's what He told Peter to say about obtaining salvation - Matt. 28:18-20.



How many Plans of Salvation did Jesus Give to His Disciples?

- Jesus did not make exceptions; all people are to be saved by His instructions.
- If He made exceptions, He would have a double standard; He would be a respecter of persons.
- Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11



Have Conditions Changed Since Then?

- Does man still need to be saved?
Rom. 3:23, 6:23
- Has God changed his word?
Gal. 1:8-9; Heb. 13:8
- If that was what was needed then to be saved, then that is what is needed today for salvation.



Once We Have Been Baptized And Our Sins Washed Away, What Do We Do Next?

- It seems instinctive to become part of a Church - Acts 9:26.
- But many join with a denomination that just divides up the believers.
- John 17:20-21; 1Cor. 1:10



Options:

- Join the denomination anyway, marring original good intentions.
- Join with the intention to unite all of them together (soon discouraged).
- Give up and worship alone (displeasing to the Lord).
- Do what Jesus would do.



WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

- What denomination would Jesus belong to today?
- There were Jewish denominations in Christ's day.
 - Sadducees, Pharisees, Herodians, and Essenes
- There were denominations within 21 years of the Church's beginning.
 - 1Cor. 1:12-13, 3:1-4



Jesus did not become a member of a sect, but was simply a follower of God.

- Sought to unite himself with God rather than a sect of men.
 - He just did the will of God, His Father -
John 4:23-24, 34, 5:30, 6:38
 - What He accomplished by this -
John 10:30, 37-38
- What denomination would Jesus be a part of today?
 - He would not be part of a sect of men; He would be united in fellowship with God.



What Next?

- The next thing Jesus did after uniting himself with God was to get others to be united with God in the same way.
 - John 17:20-21
- How? By creating some world-wide denomination?
 - By doing just what Jesus did - John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38.
- Can we know we are united with God?
 - Yes, when we keep God's will just like Jesus did - 2John 9; Eph. 3:3-4



What Next?

- If Jesus did not join a denomination and did not teach us to join one, what denomination should we become a member of?
- In Acts 2, what denomination did believers and followers of Christ join?
- If they were just believers and followers of Christ, why can't we be the same?



What Sermon Would Peter Preach If He Were Here Today?

- The same one he did on Pentecost.
- If the message is the same, the response of the hearers should be the same, too.



What Sermon Would Peter Preach If He Were Here Today?

- If Peter preached at the Local High School stadium and 3000 were baptized in the nearest body of water, to what denomination would they belong?
- They would be believers and followers of Jesus Christ!



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and Followers of
Jesus Christ
made according
to Acts 2 - What
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100 faithful
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**900 decide Acts 2
is too confining;
they assemble for
food, fun, and
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Now What Do These Believers And Followers Of Christ Do When They Go Home?

- Do what the obedient believers did in Acts 2:42-47.
- The believers and followers of the Lord were in fellowship with each other.
- They assembled together as a body of followers of Christ, as some of the duties they were given couldn't be carried out individually.



A group of believers and followers of Christ in a given area was a local church.

- Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4
- That church had a doctrine - Acts 2:42.
- That church shared - Acts 2:43-46.
- That church worshiped together - Acts 2:42, 5:42.
- That church had a treasury - Acts 4:31-35.
- That church was properly organized - Acts 6:1-6, 15:6, 11:29-30.
- Not a denomination, but a local assembly of believers and followers of Jesus Christ!



That Church Has A Name

- **Christ** is the Head - Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23
- **Christ** is the Builder - Matt. 16:18
- **Christ** is the foundation - Eph. 2:19-20; 1Cor. 3:11
- **Christ's** blood bought - Acts 20:28
- **Christ** is Savior of the Church - Eph. 5:23
- **Christ's** doctrine rules it - 2John 9-11
- The Church is the Bride of **Christ** - Rom. 7:4
- It is the Body of **Christ** - Col. 1:18, 24
- All Blessings are in **Christ** - Eph. 1:3
- We are baptized into **Christ** - Gal. 3:26-27; 1Cor. 12:12-13
- We must preach **Christ** only - Acts 8:4-5, 12; 1Cor. 2:2
- Salvation is only in **Christ** - Acts 4:12; John 14:6



WHOSE NAME SHOULD THE CHURCH WEAR?!

- Jesus Christ would assemble with the Church that wears His name.
- “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Col. 1:18).





**And Now,
Where Will
YOU
Assemble For
Worship?**