

THE ONE BODY.

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INTRO.:

A. The world says, "go to the church of your choice."

1. Why do we find so many different churches?
2. Is it true that all are correct?

B. Has God said anything concerning this matter?

1. **Ephesians 4:4** says there is one body.
2. What is this one body? **Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18, 24.**
3. Body = church/1 Body = 1 church.

C. When a thing is established, at least three things will be in place.

1. The place.
2. The person.
3. The time.

If the place, person and time are not correct, the establishment cannot be correct!

DISCUSSION: GOD'S WORD REVEALS THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

I. WHAT SAYETH THE SCRIPTURES?

A. The Bible unfolds the prophecy, the establishment, and destiny of the one church.

1. **Isaiah 2:1-3 (Joel 2:28-32; Dan. 2:31-45).**
2. **Matt. 16:15-19.**
3. **Luke 24:45-49.**
4. **Acts 1:1-5.**
5. **Acts 2:1-3; 2:33-38; 2:40-41; 2:46-47.**
6. From these verses we see the place, person, and time involved.

B. The New Testament church is important! It is valuable!

1. First, Christ died to purchase it (**Acts 20:28**).
2. The saved are in it (**Eph. 5:23**).

II. OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS.

A. Notice carefully PLACE, PERSON, AND TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT.

1. 1830 - Joseph Smith - Fayette, N. Y. = Mormon.
2. 1739 - John Wesley - London, Eng. = Methodist.
3. 1607 - John Smythe - England = Baptist.
4. 1536 - John Calvin - Switzerland = Presbyterian.
5. 1859 - A group - Kentucky = Christian Church.

B. What is wrong with each of these?

III. HOW DOES ONE GET INTO THE N/T CHURCH?

A. As they did in the first century (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 8:36-38; 1 Cor. 12:13**).**

B. Then we must live faithfully (1 John 1:7, 9; Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58**).**