



# *Let's Begin With a "Pop-Quiz"*

*~ Which of these statements are true? ~*

- **We are a church of God.**
- **We are a church of Christ.**
- **We are a church of God in Christ.**
- **We are a church of the Way.**

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*~ ALL of these statements are true! ~*

- **We are a church of God.**  
**(I Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1)**
- **We are a church of Christ.**  
**(Rom. 16:16)**
- **We are a church of God in Christ.**  
**(1 Thess. 2:14)**
- **We are a church of the Way.**  
**(Acts 9:2; 24:14,22)**

# *“Pop-Quiz” Number Two*

*~ Which of these statements are true? ~*

- **“I am church of Christ.”**
- **“I am a church of Christ preacher.”**
- **“Church of Christ doctrine teaches acapella singing in worship.”**
- **“Cy-Fair is a church of Christ church.”**

# *“Pop-Quiz” Number Two*

**~ NONE of these statements are true! ~**

- **“I am church of Christ.”**

*“Church” is a collective noun. I am an individual.*

- **“I am a church of Christ preacher.”**

*I am a gospel preacher. A “Christ preacher.”*

- **“Church of Christ doctrine teaches acapella singing in worship.”**

*Doctrines of men are vain (Mt. 15:9)*

- **“Cy-Fair is a church of Christ church.”**

*“Church of Christ” is not an adjective.*

# *“Church of Christ Christians?”*

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# *What Is The Church, Really?*

- **“Church” translates the Greek word “*ekklesia*” – a group of people “called out” for a special purpose (Acts 19:32, 39, 41)**
- **A “collective” noun like the words *club, group, class, herd, flock* – all single words referring to “a group of members”**
- **ACTS 8:1 – persecution arose against “*the church*” – a singular group, yet made up of multiple people.**

# *What Is The Church, Really?*

- When we add “**of Christ**” to “**church**” we modify this collective noun – so, saying “**church of Christ**” is the same as “**Christ’s church**”
- A “**church of Christ**” is a group of people who belong to Jesus.
- A “**church of Christ**” is a “**church of God**” and *vice-versa*.
- “**Church**” scripturally used in three senses:
  - LOCAL (I Cor. 1:2)
  - REGIONAL (Gal. 1:2; Acts 9:31)
  - UNIVERSAL (Matt. 16:18)

# *PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS*

- **Since being a Christian means I belong to Christ, I can't be a Christian without also being part of the "church of Christ."**
- **If you think the phrase "church of Christ" means merely a division, part, or segment of the universal body of Christ, *you misunderstand Christ's church.***
- **"Church of Christ" is not the only, official name of the Lord's body (Eph. 1:22-23)**
  - ***"church of Christ"* (Rom. 16:16)**
  - ***"the church of God in Corinth" or Cypress?* (I Cor. 1:2)**

# PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- *“the church of God in Christ Jesus that is in Judea” or Cy-Fair?* (1 Thess. 2:14)
- *“the Way”* (Acts 24:14)
- *“the church of the Thessalonians” or Cy-Fairians* (I Thess. 1:1)
- *“the church of the living God”* (I Tim. 3:15)
- *“the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi” or Cyfair* (Phil. 1:1)
- *“the assembly of the firstborn”* (Heb. 12:23)

# PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- *“the household of God”* (1 Tim. 3:15)
- *“the church”* (Eph. 1:23)
- Our sign out front could have any scriptural name on it, and we would still be a *“church of Christ.”* WARNING: All signs saying *“Church of Christ”* may not be accurately describing that church.
- We must watch our terminology closely.
- We must not say *“all the other denominations,”* for we are not a denomination!

# *“Church of Christ Christians?”*

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*We should tell people  
how to become  
Christ’s people.*