



What We Believe And Why

“The Nature of the Church”

- Introduction:
1. There are many common statements which express contemporary confusion regarding the church.
 - a. “One church is as good as another.”
 - b. “It’s good to have so many choices of churches.”
 - c. “One’s relationship to a church isn’t important; what’s important is one’s relationship with Christ.”
 2. Let’s see what the Bible has to say about the church.

I. The Importance Of The Church

- A. (Matthew 16:18).
- B. (Ephesians 1:22-23).
- C. (Ephesians 2:16).
- D. (Ephesians 3:10, 21).
- E. (Ephesians 4:4-6).

II. The Devil: The Church’s Enemy

- A. (Revelation 12:17).
- B. The Devil’s mode of attack (Ephesians 6:11).
 1. Division (1 Corinthians 1:10-13; John 17:20-21).
 2. Counterfeiting (Ephesians 4:4).

III. How To Counter The Devil’s Attack

- A. The principle of restoration.
 1. Restore the teaching of Christ (2 John 9; Colossians 3:16).
 - a. The organization of the church (Philippians 1:1; 1 Tim. 3).
 - b. The worship of the church (John 4:24).
 - c. The attitude of Jesus (John 13:34-35).
 - d. Purity of life (1 Peter 1:15; Titus 2:11-12).
- B. Read the instructions (John 12:48).

- Conclusion:
1. As a people, we are not promoting a sect or brand of religion, rather we are calling on people to leave man made organizations and become a part of the New Testament church.
 2. Non-denominational Christianity is our plea, the Bible is our standard and rule of conduct, and Jesus is our Lord.
 3. Join us in this worthy pursuit.