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The Only True Church

Just about everyone who has started a movement has declared themselves the only true church on earth. In this they claim one must join their exclusive group or organization to be saved and to be a Christian. Many believe there has been a complete apostasy already, so there is need of a full restoration. While God does have a true Church on earth, he has already stated how one enters to be part of this Church. First lets go through the many familiar and some not so familiar groups that claim to be the ONE TRUE CHURCH. Then we will look at how one enters the true church.

Mormonism LDS- 13th LDS President Ezra Taft Benson, "This is not just another Church. This is not just one of a family of Christian churches. This is the Church and kingdom of God, the only true Church upon the face of the earth..." (Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, p.164-165). This church is the only true and living church on the face of the whole earth (D and C 1:30) "There is no salvation outside the church of Jesus Christ of Latter -day Saints (Mormon Doctrine, p.670)

"Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the Church of the Lamb of God and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore who so belongeth not to the church of the lamb of God belongeth to that great church; which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth." (The Book of Mormon, 1 Nephi 14:10)

on April 8, 1973, LDS Apostle Mark E. Petersen proclaimed that salvation "comes only through the Church itself as the Lord established it... Therefore it was made clearly manifest that salvation is in the Church, and of the Church, and is obtained only through the Church."

"The Roman Catholic, Greek, and Protestant church, is the great corrupt, ecclesiastical power, represented by great Babylon...." (Orson Pratt, Writings of an Apostle, "Divine Authenticity," no.6, p.84).

the LDS church is, "the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth, with which I, the Lord, am well pleased ..." Brigham Young (Mormonism's Second President)

"Our message is so imperative, when you stop to think that the salvation, the eternal salvation of the world, rests upon the shoulders of this Church. When all is said and done, if the world is going to be saved, we have to do it " ("Church Is Really Doing Well," Church News (a bi-weekly publication by the Mormon church), July 3 1999, 3)

Jehovah's Witnesses- The Gospel of the Kingdom ceased to be proclaimed shortly after the death of the apostles. It was not preached again until after 1918.(WT, 12/1/1928, pp. 363-64)

We acknowledge as the visible organization of Jehovah on earth the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, and recognize the Society as the Channel or instrument through which Jehovah and Christ Jesus give instruction and meat in due season to the household of faith. (Watchtower, April 15, 1939 p. 125)

" The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society the one and only channel which the Lord has used in dispensing his truth continually since the beginning of the harvest period?" (WT 4/1/1919, p. 6414)

"The world is full of Bibles...why then do the people not know which was to go? Because, they do not also have the teaching or law of the mother, which is light."(WT 5/1/1957, p.274)

"Outside the true Christian congregation what alternative organization is there? Only Satan's organization..."(Watchtower 3/1/1979 p.24)

"Consider too, the fact that Jehovah's organization alone in all the earth is directed by God's holy spirit or active force." (Watchtower, July 1, 1973, page 402)

Iglesia ni Cristo- "the complete disappearance of the first-century Church of Christ and the emergence of the Catholic Church" (Pasugo, July-Aug. 1979, p. 🤪).

Thus, outside the Church of Christ no one can be considered a true believer." (PASUGO, September/October 1981, p.9)

"Each member ... should submit himself to the Administration of the Church in order to be saved."(PASUGO, January 1976, p. 9)

"People who embraced the true church will be saved not because of the good deeds they have done, but through God's merciful act of commissioning messengers entrusted with words of reconciliation." (PASUGO September/October 1986, p. 20)

International Church of Christ - "There is one church! There is one God. There is one kingdom of God and this is it! (The Great Commission, audio tape, Weger/Rock, Hodge/Hamann/Fulcher/Fields)

"you are in the only family that exists on the face of the earth." (Phil Lamb, We Are Family, audio tape 1990 West Coast Conf.)

"We're the last hope the world has. Nobody else is going to do what we're doing. Nobody else has the right message. Nobody else has the right commitment." (Gordon Ferguson, Radical Men, Radical Times Hosea Radical Love of God, Manila World Leadership Conf., Aug. 1994)

"your salvation is hanging in the balance. When you walk away from the movement of God, there is no where to walk. Walking out of the light into the darkness. There is nobody else There is nobody else in this country that That has the true gospel -- that is, trying to make disciples of Jesus. There is nobody else in this entire world. This is the movement of God! There is no place to go." (Nick Young. Tulsa Reconstruction meeting, August, 1992, audio one, side two)

"When you preached who is really saved: that you gotta have faith, you gotta repent, you gotta become a true disciple of Jesus, and then you gotta be water immersed for the forgiveness of sins received through the Holy Spirit, that excludes all other denominations...everybody else out there." (Kip McKean. "Preach the Word." Johannesburg World Missions Leadership Conference. Aug. 1995, audiotape #10091, side 2)

True Jesus Church- On 5. on the web they emphatically state "The True Jesus Church is the true church restored by God through the Holy Spirit of the latter rain. She is the revival of the apostolic church in the end times." on the web "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). Therefore, one can receive eternal life only through the true church."

The Philadelphia church- Mr. Flurry "The "household" is God's Family or true church. It's the family that God rules. This is God's inner circle--His very elect. One servant, one leader or one man is made ruler over God's church. Only this church (The PCG) gives meat in due season. Only this church is doing God's work!" (The Philadelphia Trumpet, p.1 May 1995)

"Some in the world try to label the PCG a cult. Actually, we are God's only true representative on this earth!..." (The Philadelphia Trumpet, p. 19 March, 1994)

"...that truth is in only one church today, God's church. Only God's Philadelphia Church has retained God's Law in this end time" (The Philadelphia Trumpet , p.5 March 1994).

Roman Catholic Church- "But by divine institution it is the exclusive task of these pastors alone, the successors of Peter and the other Apostles, to teach the faithful authentically, that is with the authority of Christ" (Vatican Council II Vol. 2, p. 430, 1984)

"If anyone says that in the Roman Church, which is the mother and mistress of all churches, there is not the true doctrine concerning the sacrament of baptism, let him be anathema." (The Canons And Decrees Of The Council Of Trent, p. 53 -- Seventh Session, Sacrament Of Baptism, Canon 3)

"This loyal submission of the will and intellect must be given, in a special way, to the authentic teaching authority of the Roman Pontiff, even when he does not speak ex cathedra in such wise, indeed, that his supreme teaching authority be acknowledged with respect, and that one sincerely adhere to decisions made by him, conformably with his manifest mind and intention" (Vatican Council II ,Vol. 1, p. 379)

The Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism explains: "For it is through Christ's Catholic Church ALONE, which is the universal help toward salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained."

Pope Boniface VIII declared: "There is one holy Catholic and apostolic church, outside of which there is NO SALVATION ... it is altogether NECESSARY FOR SALVATION for every creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff." ("infallible papal bull, Unam Sanctam) Vatican II declared: ... this holy Council teaches ... that the church .. is NECESSARY FOR SALVATION." (VATICAN COUNCIL II, Costello Publishing, Austin Flannery, O.P., General Editor, Vol 1, pp. 364-365)

All Christians will be gathered in a common celebration of the Eucharist, into the unity of the one and only Church, ... The unity, we believe subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose. (Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism, chap. 1, 4, p. 416).

The local Church (Witness Lee)- When we were in the denominations, we were blind. I do not believe that any dear Christians who have really received sight from the Lord could still remain in the denominations. Everyone who sees must leave the fold and enter the pasture, under the sunshine, in the fresh air, in liberty. Where are you now? Are you in the fold, or are you now in the pasture? Allow me to say this: if anyone is still in the fold, he is blind. Of course, a blind person requires the fold to keep him. But when he receives his sight, he will swiftly leave the fold for the pasture, for the sunshine,

for the fresh air.” (Witness Lee, Christ Versus Religion LSM, 197,1 p.109-110)

The only way to follow the Lord absolutely is to go the way of the local church. (Witness Lee, The Practical Expression...p.94)

If you leave the church (the Local Church), you miss the mark of the Lord's testimony. You must be in the testimony of Jesus. Only the golden lampstands, the local churches, are the testimony of Jesus...if you are not in the local churches you are not the testimony of Jesus.”(Witness Lee, The Stream magazine Nov. 1976, p.7)

House of Yahweh-”With all the Churches and Religious Organizations in these Last Days preaching what they call Salvation, why would Yahweh need to establish another organization in order to get his way--the True Way of Salvation--taught?

“The One Body of Messiah IS The House of Yahweh! “...IF we 'separate' from the One Body of Messiah: The House of Yahweh, then we succumb to Satan, then at that very moment we become worshipers of Satan...of if one LEAVES The Body - The only Prophesied, Established Work that Yahweh Himself has chosen, then that one does NOT partake, or is NO LONGER a partaker, with the rest of The body of Messiah - The House of Yahweh” (What Yahweh's Feasts Mean to You, pp. 78, 87).

“ The churches in the world today do not even pretend to keep Yahweh’s Laws. How could they pretend such a thing anyway, they all blatantly rebel against every one of them.... It should be very obvious why Yahweh had to establish His House in these Last Days--the Christian Churches are not The House of Yahweh. They do not stand in Yahweh’s counsel. They are not the Pillar and Ground of the Truth. They do not teach Yahweh’s Laws, therefore, they do not turn the people away from sin--breaking Yahweh’s Laws.”

“I urge you to obtain the books ... and start learning the true way to Salvation. This way is not taught in the world by any organization, other than the one established by Yahweh--The House of Yahweh.”

Hawaii fellowship of the Universal World Church “a voice thundered and uttered these words “This is my daughter in whom I am well pleased. As Jesus, my son, paid the price through his faithfulness upon the cross.. my anointed daughter, Miss Velma, has paid the price through her faithfulness at the golden altar. Therefore, all who will believe in her, will receive my gift of eternal youth which is new revelation Mamre.” (The mighty Miracle of the new Revelation of Mamre p.49-50)” The new Revelation of Mamre is the greatest gift ever given to a people by almighty God. “(The mighty Miracle of the new Revelation of Mamre p.7)

“Miss Velma has paid the price! She has become the sacrificial offering required by God that all of mankind may reap one of god's greatest rewards, new revelation Mamre.”(ibid.p.51)

7th day Adventists-”I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, **MINISTERS AND PEOPLE WILL BE CALLED OUT FROM THESE CHURCHES** and will gladly receive the truth....But the light will shine, and **ALL WHO ARE HONEST WILL LEAVE THE FALLEN CHURCHES**, and take their stand with the remnant” (Early Writings, p. 261)