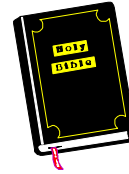


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

## Where In The Bible Will I Find... We are to Preach Christ, Not the Church?

The church of the Bible is not a denomination. In fact, the only reference to denominationalism in the New Testament condemns division (1 Corinthians 1:10-13).

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10

Many and various are the teachings of denominations concerning their thoughts on God's plan for saving the world. The different plans offered by men do not change God's divine plan in the least. Some teach babies should be "baptized" by sprinkling or the sinner should pray instead of obey or faith alone saves, which is expressly condemned in the Bible (James 2:14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26) or that Jesus saves and not the church and one can be saved outside as well as in the church of Christ.

None of these are the plan brought to the earth by God. God sent His only begotten Son to seek and save the lost (John 3:16, Luke 19:10). God's plan was that Jesus should seek the lost by establishing the church. The church was planned, prophesied, promised, and predicted for several hundred years before its establishment. In Acts 2, the church is an established reality, and is represented as being the place prepared by Christ for the saved (Acts 2:41, 47).

The church is not a part of the plan of salvation. It is the plan of salvation. According to the Bible, men cannot be saved outside of Christ, the church, or body of Christ, which terms all refer to the place of salvation. The plan for entering the church of Christ includes a man hearing, believing in Christ with all of his heart, repentance, confession, and being baptized (Acts 8:35-39).

Jesus, in carrying out God's will, never promised to save anyone outside the church which He built with His teaching and purchased with His blood (Matthew 16:18-19; 28:19-20; Acts 20:28). The church is the only institution over which He is head (Ephesians 1:22-23) and the only one on the earth now that He promised to save eternally (Ephesians 5:23).

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Seeking to speak only what God has spoken is one way to keep your ...  
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**COME JOIN US THIS  
NEW YEAR!**

**WHY NOT ME**

**(to be announced)**

**"But my God shall supply all your need  
according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19**

By the way, remember to keep your  
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*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.
- Remember those who have suffered loss in recent tornados.
- Remember **Deborah Stoyk** who is in LMC and not doing well, and **Harvey Allen** who is in rehab, recovering from a severe heart attack.
- Also, our brother **Frank Allen** is in Missouri with his mother who is quite ill.
- **Lorraine Porter** is doing better and was with us last Sunday.
- However, **Tommy White’s** sister-in-law has took a turn for the worse and is not doing at all well.

**"The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil." - Proverbs 19:23**

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- First Sunday luncheon after the assembly— ALL are invited! Followed by congregational news, then men’s business meeting at 1:30.
- We need someone to help with getting **the bulletin** to the post office on Fridays.
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 10 am**, all are invited. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong’s Concordances.
- Our thanks to **Daryl Macon** who brought a lesson from God’s word for us last Sunday evening.

**"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." - Romans 12:10**

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## **WHAT CAN THE WORLD DO FOR YOU?**

**“..., which, when they have heard, they go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection” - Luke 8:14**

**And ...**

**“Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.”  
- Matthew 7:19**

**Knowing the world can kill you then, for eternity, don’t you think you’d rather:**

**“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15**

**And thus keep your ...**

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## **Where In The Bible Will I Find...**

### **We are to Preach Christ, Not the Church? —(cont. from page 1)**

With these thoughts clearly before us, one expresses his ignorance of the Scriptures who might say, "I am so glad to hear someone preach Jesus as the Saviour and not the Church as the Saviour." When deadly persecution arose with the stoning of Stephen, the members of the church at Jerusalem were "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria..." and "went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:1-4).

Preaching Christ and preaching the Word are one and the same (Acts 8:4-5) and the same as preaching the church or kingdom (Acts 8:12). It is important for us to study to be approved of God (2 Timothy 2:15)

**- Gary Colley, Gospel Preacher, Teacher, Memphis Tennessee**

**(Editors note: Gary Colley is Caleb Colley’s grandfather.)**

**“... even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” - Ephesians 5:23-27**

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### **Books of the Old Testament—Good to memorize them!**

Genesis	1 Kings	Ecclesiastes	Obadiah
Exodus	2 Kings	Song of Solomon	Jonah
Leviticus	1 Chronicles	Isaiah	Micah
Numbers	2 Chronicles	Jeremiah	Nahum
Deuteronomy	Ezra	Lamentations	Habakkuk
Joshua	Nehemiah	Ezekiel	Zephaniah
Judges	Esther	Daniel	Haggai
Ruth	Job	Hosea	Zechariah
1 Samuel	Psalms	Joel	Malachi
2 Samuel	Proverbs	Amos	