

# Marks of a Church Belonging to Christ

## Introduction

We must know **WHAT IS** and **WHAT IS NOT** a genuine assembly because rewards, (crowns) [Memorize: II Timothy 2:5] are only awarded to those found faithful among those within the establishment of a Local Church that is **KNOWN AND VISITED** by Christ!

## Some that we **KNOW** belong to Christ

Revelation 2 & 3

- To "Him" who hath an ear let him hear
- How many times is this found?

Revelation 1:1

- Notice that the message was for the servants of Christ.

Revelation 1:4

- Who are the servants of Christ? Name those specified in Revelation.

Revelation 1:20 & 2:1

- Jesus walks among "His" churches
- He walks among "the candlesticks"

[Memorize: Matthew 16:18]

## Each Local Ekklesia possesses a candlestick

Revelation 2:5 - Questions to consider

- Where does an Ekklesia (called out assembly) get a candlestick?...I want one!
- What happens to a **LOCAL EKKLESIA** that has their candlestick removed?
- What does the candlestick do for the Local Ekklesia?
- What does it take to keep the candlestick?
- Is it possible that there are "churches" that do not have or have never even possessed a candlestick?
- How do we avoid those places?!

## Let's clear something up!

[Memorize: Matthew 18:20]

A romanticized, feel good scripture used to legitimize any group of people “calling themselves” a church who represents Christ

- **FIRST**: No man can build a House for God without God's consent. (David)

Find 3 references that teach

- God places His NAME where he chooses.
- That place is always revealed by God's explicit statement of qualification.

(HINT: tabernacle, temple)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

- **SECOND**: The key rests NOT AS MUCH in the amount of those assembled, but rather how they are assembled.
- **FINALLY**: A group CANNOT legitimize their efforts towards God by expressing the Name of Christ, but by the authority they have been endowed with in that name!

EXAMPLE- Acts 19:13-17

1. Some **TOOK UPON THEMSELVES**.
2. **THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS**
3. There were **7 OF THEM**. (that's more than 2 or 3...but who's counting?!)
4. The demons know who **HAS BEEN GIVEN** authority in that name and who has not.
5. **IT NEVER ENDS WELL** for those who take this honor upon themselves. (Hebrews 5:4)