



**CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

**NON
DENOMINATIONAL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**SOUTHERN
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

**UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

**CHURCH OF
LATTER-DAY
SAINTS**

**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

**ASSEMBLIES
OF GOD**

KINGDOM HALL

**JEHOVAH'S
WITNESSES**

What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Worship God (John 4:24)



What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Grow Spiritually (2 Pet 3:18)



What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Experience Community (Acts 2:46)



What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Find Hope During Difficult Times (Matt 11:28)



What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Raise Children With Faith and Values (Prov 22:6)



What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Hear Inspiring Preaching & Teaching (2 Tim 3:16)



What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Find Purpose and Direction (EPH 2:10)



What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Receive Support During Life Major Events (Gal 6:2)

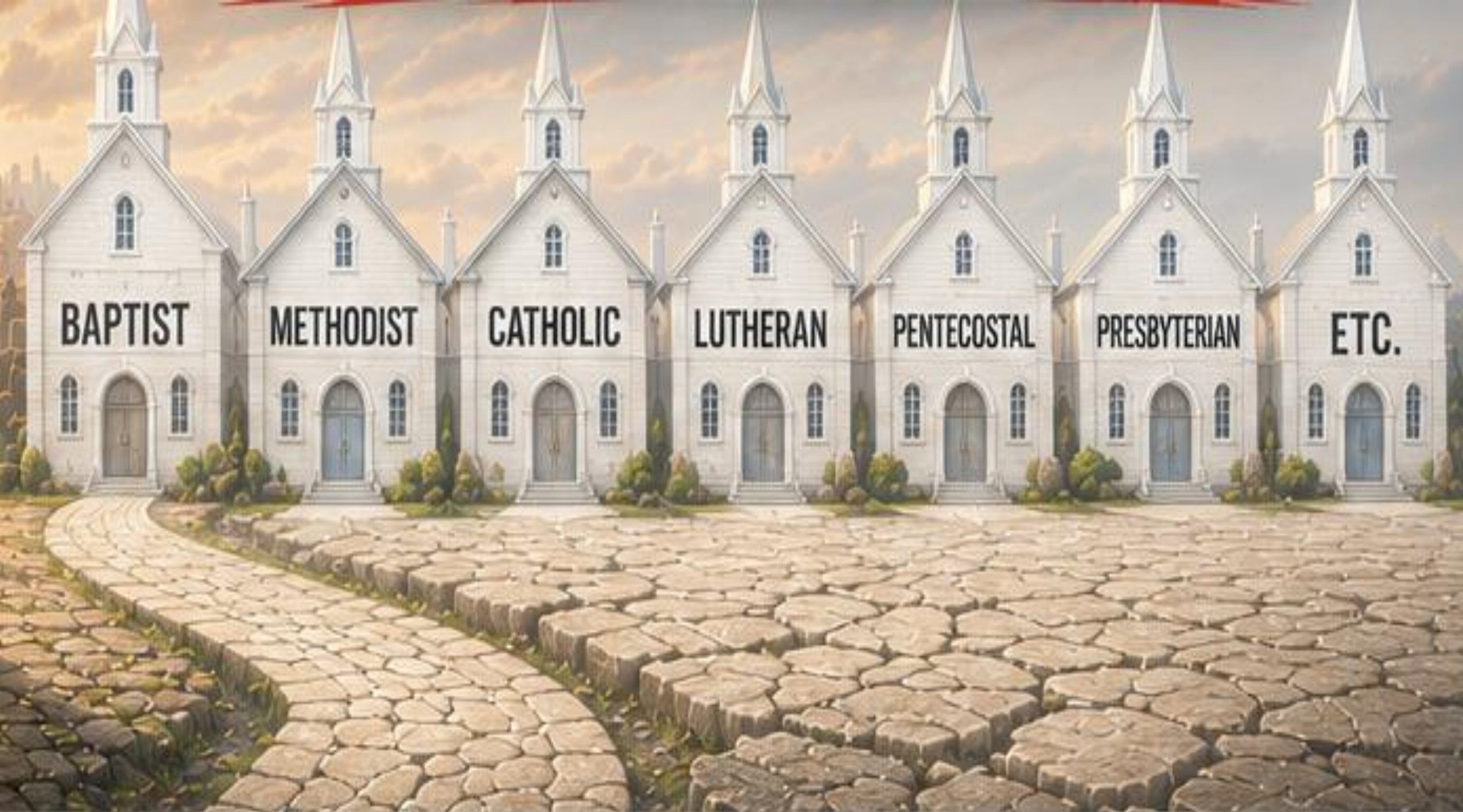


What Do We Attend Worship Service (Go To Church)



To Seek Salvation and Relationship With Christ
Acts 4:12





Go Into The World & Make Disciples All Nations (Matt 28:19)



The Ekklesia: Called Out Ones

1 Cor 8:1-2 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. ² And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

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**Adding To Or Taking Away From Salvation Requirements
Is Dangerous and Eternally Fatal**



Discovering The Bride of Christ

Scripture Reading Gal 1:6-9



CHURCH OF CHRIST

at
Long Creek

- I. He's Coming For His Only Bride
- II. The Proposal Is The Gospel Invitation

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There Is Only One Gospel

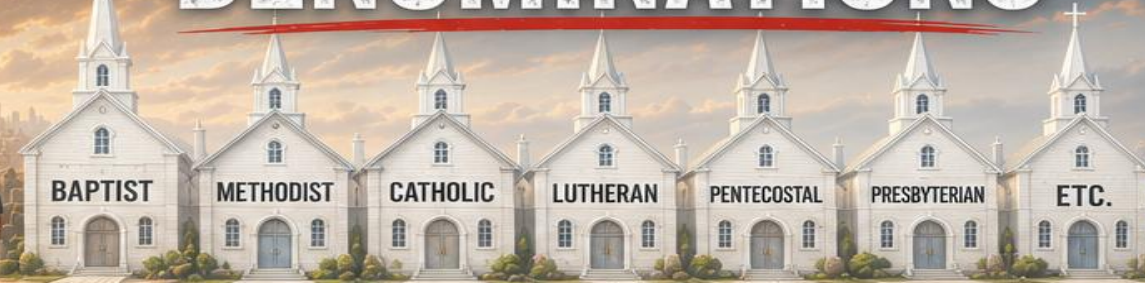
**HE'S
COMING**
FOR HIS

Bride

— EPHESIANS 5:25-27 —



**NOT FOR
DENOMINATIONS**



Not A Church of Christ Gospel

What Is That Gospel (Good News) What Is Bad News (Rom 6:23)
Back To Pentecost (Acts 2:14-36)

“God Has Made This Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ”
Broken People Cried Out “What Must I Do” vs 37

For I determined not to know anything among you except
Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. 1 Cor 2:2

Side One

Too Broad



Side Two

Too Wide

He Left To Build A Place For US John 14:1-6

Matt 7:13-14 Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Requiring more or less than Peter required changes the Gospel

Why Does Peter Words Matter Today (Matt 16:18) Keys Given

No Man Can Add To Or Take Away From The Word Jude 3/Rev 22:18-19



The Christian Life Begins Not End At Baptism

Much Learning Must Occur To Remain Faithful Rev 2:10

Biblical Worship, Prayer, Giving, The Lord's Supper, Serving, Faithfulness, Holiness, Growing, Relationships....etc

We Mix Two Different Questions: The Gospel vs Discipleship

The Gospel Answers: "What Must I Do To Become A Christian?"

Discipleship Answers: "Now That I Belong To Christ How Should I Live?"

Because They Are Two Different Questions

God Provides Two Different Answers

**Our Zeal & Love Of God's Truth Sometimes Get Ahead or In
The Way of Christ Proposal**

**We Want Family, Friends, Neighbors To Come Out
of The Darkness 1 Pet 2:9**

Preaching The Gospel As The Apostle Did Does Not Lower God's Standard

It Is Honoring His Order

Preacher: First	Church: Bring Them To Christ
Preacher: Then	Church: Teach Them All Things



What Is The Gospel



Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

The Importance of Faith vs 17

Notice What Saves: Not Religion or Traditions or Names

Preaching The Gospel (1 Cor 15:1-2) It Saves , So Stand In It

1 Cor 15:3-4 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: **(1)** that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and **(2)** that He was buried, and **(3)** that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

What Did Paul Say About Faith Rom 10:17

“Faith Comes By Hearing and Hearing by The Word of God”

Not Church Names

Not Style of Worship

Not Church History



The Gospel In Action **Acts 8:26-40**



Acts 8:34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, **preached Jesus to him.**

**Peter Preached: Not Denomination, Not Worship Style
Not The One True Church**

**The More Peter Preached Jesus The More He Wanted
Baptism**

**How Did Jesus Begin
His Ministry Matt 3:16-17**

“See here’s water!”

**How Did Jesus End
His Ministry Matt 28:19**

Q: Why did the Eunuch ask about water?

**A: Somewhere while preaching Jesus Philip taught Baptism
You Cannot Preach Jesus Fully Without Preaching Baptism**



Things The Eunuch Didn't Ask

How do they sing?

Are women preaching?

What's the name on the building?

How often do they take the Lord's Supper?

What He Asked:

What hinders me from being baptized?

³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

First

Bring Them To Jesus

Then

Teach Them To Obey All Things

Triage The Patient First

Make The Proposal



Don't Reverse God's Order



Matt 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching** them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Jesus Did Not Say: Teach Everything Then Baptized
Physical Growth Vs Spiritual Growth

21 New Testament Letters Written To Mature The Church

Lord's Supper Acts 20:7/1 Cor 11

Singing Eph 5:19 & Col 3:19

Church Structure/Roles In The Church 1 Timothy



Don't Add To Or Take Away (Proposal)



Step 1 Hear the Faith Confession, Hearing God's Word

Step 2 Believe that Jesus Is

Step 3 Repent of our Life

Step 4 Be Baptized in Water & Victory

Step 5 Be Sealed with the Holy Spirit, Eph 1:13-14, Rom 6:4

Baptism is the Faith To God's Grace

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and **that not of**

yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

Jas 2:21-22 Was not Abraham justified by works when he offered Isaac

his son on the altar? ²² Do you see that **faith was working together with his works,**

and **by works faith was made perfect?** **Perfect-Complete (Doctrine Matters)**

1 Pet 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth

of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of

Jesus Christ,

anti: for, instead of, in place of, because of

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