
THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH



Introduction:

- What is wrong with a ‘*choose your own religion*’ philosophy?
- The New Testament teaches there is **ONE** church (Ephesians 4:4; Matthew 16:17-19).
- **Can we know which church is the right church?**

I. **The New Testament church has one place of authority.**

A. Some passages to consider:

- 1) Titus 2:11.
- 2) 2Timothy 4:2.
- 3) 1Peter 4:11.



B. It is not a ‘pick & choose’ religion!

- 1) Give me **Book, Chapter, Verse!**
- 2) Let us *speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent.*

C. We cannot be like **Jehudi** and his knife—Jeremiah 36:20-26.



II. **The New Testament church worships biblically.**

A. *In spirit and in truth*—John 4:24:

- 1) The avenue of *PRAYER* (Acts 2:42).



- 2) The avenue of **SONG** (Ephesians 5:19).
- 3) The avenue of **COMMUNION** (Acts 20:6-7).
- 4) The avenue of **INSTRUCTION** (Acts 20:7).
- 5) The avenue of **CONTRIBUTION** (1Corinthians 16:2).

- B. It is possible to worship wrong:
- 1) **IGNORANT** worship (Acts 17:16-34).
 - 2) **VAIN** worship (Mark 7:6-8).
 - 3) **WILL** worship (Colossians 2:23).

C. **If it is not authorized, it is wrong!**

III. **The New Testament church practices biblical baptism.**

- A. Baptism is immersion.
- 1) Not **sprinkling**.
 - 2) Not **pouring**.
 - 3) Not **anointing**.
- B. Baptism is what **SAVES** us (1Peter 3:21).
- 1) **Not** accepting Jesus into your heart.
 - 2) **Not** the sinner's prayer.



C. **If it is not biblical baptism, it is not God's baptism**

Conclusion:

- ✘ We can know what is right.
- ✘ Thus, we can know what is wrong.
- ✘ God has made the judgment and we must live by it.