

"Are 'Man-Made' Churches Sinful?"

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Acts 17:1-3

I. An Investigation to Determine the Church that Jesus Built

A. Introduction:

1. At some point or another Prof. Plum, Miss Scarlet and Col. Mustard were all in the library where there is a candle stick.
 - a. In the same way, practically every "Christian" church has a number of things in common that do not set them apart.

B. How the Church is Governed

1. Jesus promised His apostles that the Holy Spirit would remind them of His words and teach them all truth.
 - a. Therefore, only the words of these apostles (and the prophets they laid their hands on), is the source of all truth.

John 14:26

John 17:20

Ephesians 2:19-20

- b. The apostles ordained a plurality of men to govern each congregation of the New Testament church.

Acts 14:23

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Acts 6:2-3

Philippians 1:1

C. How the Church Worships

1. Jesus clearly defined the parameters of worship, (**Jn. 4:23**).
 - a. For worship to be "*true worship*," it must be done "*in spirit and in truth*."

Ephesians 4:23

John 17:17

- b. Our obedience requires taking the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week, (**Acts 20:7**)

Exodus 12:3

Exodus 20:8

- c. Our obedience requires us to worship God using acapella singing, (**Col. 3:16**).

Genesis 6:14

Leviticus 10:1-2

2 Chronicles 29:25

Ephesians 5:19

- d. God defines the sort of preaching He wants His people to receive, (**2 Tim. 4:2-4**).

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Galatians 1:9

D. The Origin of the New Testament Church

1. Jesus promised His church/kingdom would be built in the lifetime of those who heard Him, (**Matt. 16:18-19; Mk. 9:1**).
 - a. The power of His church would be from the Holy Spirit in the lives of His apostles, (**Acts 1:4-5, 8**).

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:40-41, 47

E. God's Plan of Salvation

1. The Bible says that "*Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him,*" **Hebrews 5:9**.
 - a. People obeyed God when they . . .

Mark 16:15; Romans 10:17

Ephesians 1:13; Acts 8:12

Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3, 5

Romans 10:9

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16

- b. People who don't obey will be terribly sorry for having paid attention to the teaching their man-made churches.

Matthew 7:21-23

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

Mark 16:15-16