

Sermon Handout March 3, 2019

The Bible is the inspired word of God.

*All Scripture is God-breathed...
2 Timothy 3:16a*

This word of God should be used to determine what individuals, and therefore the church, should do.

*... and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16b-17*

*My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding - indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
Proverbs 2:1-5*

The Bible as we have it is complete.

*I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.
Revelation 23:18-19*

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.
John 1:1-2*

The head of the church is none other than Jesus Christ.

*And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.
Ephesians 1:22-23.*

The "tie that binds" is a common loyalty to the principles of the restoration of New Testament Christianity.

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
Ephesians 4:3-6*

We believe in Christ as THE high priest.

*He [Jesus] has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.
Hebrews 6:20b*

And in doing that, Christ as made EACH ONE OF US a priest.

*You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
1 Peter 2:5*

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
1 Peter 2:9*

*To him who ... has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.
Revelation 1:5-6*

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Salvation

- 1) One must hear the gospel, for "faith comes by hearing the word of God" (Romans 10:17).
- 2) One must believe, for "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).
- 3) One must repent of past sins, for God "commands all men, every- where to repent" (Acts 17:30).
- 4) One must confess Jesus as Lord, for he said, "He that confesses me before men, him will I also confess before my father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).
- 5) And one must be baptized for the remission of sins, for Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every- one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins ..." (Acts 2:38).

Infants have no need for baptism.

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:2-4

βαπτίζω baptizo "to dip in or under," "to sink," "to immerse"

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Neutral Sites:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Churches_of_Christ

Christianity.com: CHURCHES OF CHRIST - 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR HISTORY AND BELIEFS

<https://www.christianity.com/church/denominations/churches-of-christ-10-things-to-know-about-their-history-and-beliefs.html>

Church of Christ Sites:

Alma School Rd Church of Christ; Chandler, Arizona: <http://aschurch.org/beliefs/>

Internet Ministries. A ministry of the churches of Christ. (Davenport, Iowa) <https://church-of-christ.org/who>

House to House Heart to Heart Magazine; What is Unique About the Church of Christ? <https://housetohouse.com/what-is-unique-about-the-church-of-christ/>

Jackson, Jason. "What Is the Church of Christ?" ChristianCourier.com. Access date: February 26, 2019.

<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1205-what-is-the-church-of-christ>

Anti-Church of Christ Sites:

Jesus-is-savior.com; An Independent Guam Baptist church: CHURCH OF CHRIST EXPOSED! https://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/Church%20of%20Christ/church_of_christ_exposed.htm

Catholic Magazine: Will the True Church of Christ Please Stand Up? <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/will-the-true-church-of-christ-please-stand-up>

Freedom Quest Ministries, A ministry started in 2015 by a former Church of Christ member: Is the Church of Christ a Cult?

<http://www.chocd.org/>

Bible Baptist Publications: The Bible versus the "Church of Christ" <http://www.av1611.org/jmelton/chchurch.html>