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WHY I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Matt. 16:16-18.

INT:

Ours, world of upheaval: Out with old-in with new!
New math., New History, New Morality, New Religions!

Such widespread, violent and sudden changes very disturbing to many people. Stable? Reliable? Genuine? What's good???

Religious changes very upsetting! One 439 yr. old creed just dropped! Nothing! Yet! New creed coming--will divide that denom. when comes! Old laws & rules disappearing. (Should when man-made.) Causes people to look around and question: What are YOU? Why? Tell me about it!

Places rich opportunity and obligation at the feet of the Christian. I pet. 3:15. Sanctify. Jude 3. Diligence.

Happy to explain Why I am a member of the church of Christ!

I. COULD BE STATED SOME OTHER WAYS. Notice these for a moment.

A. Why a Christian? WHY THIS WAY?

N. T. teaches when one becomes a Christian he also becomes a member of the church of Christ. Acts 2:41 & 47.
When one becomes a member of the church of Christ he becomes a Christian.

(When refer to Church of Christ, not referring to Federal Council of Churches of Christ, nor the United Church or Christ—or anything else outside the Bible.)

INSIDE!

B. Why a Child of God?

N. T. teaches when one becomes a Christian he also becomes a child of God. Gal. 3:26-29.
When one becomes a child of God he also becomes a Christian.

C. Why are you Saved? How Know Sins forgiven?

N. T. teaches when one becomes a Christian he is also in the process of being saved. Mk. 16:15-16.
When one is saved he is called a Christian and is a member of the Lord's church, SINS FORGIVEN.

For those who care: For those who earnestly want to do the will of God I repeat the following:

WHEN A SINNER LEAVES THE WORLD BY OBEYING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, HE, IN THE PROCESS OF BEING SAVED, BECOMES A CHRISTIAN AND A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. No other found in New Testament!

CHURCH

II. WHY I BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST and why I have remained one for 33 years.

1. I wanted to be absolutely sure of my SOUL'S SALVATION.

(Believe C of C teaches the true N. T. way of Sal.)

x John 3:16 Believe ~~Mk. 16:15-16~~ Repent. Acts 2:38.
 Confess. Matt. 10:32.. Baptized. I P. 3:21.
 II Tim. 2:10.

(If there is any other way or place where I could be saved I am not aware of it--for Christ teaches none else) **NATURALLY**, I would urge and invite every non-Christian in my audience to be absolutely sure of YOUR sal. too!!!

2. I wanted to be absolutely sure of my WORSHIP TO GOD.

(Believe C of C teaches the N. T. scriptures--without alteration or adultration--on pleasing worship to God.)

Assemble regularly. Heb. 10:24-27.
 Sing joyfully . Eph. 5:19. Col. 3:16.
 Pray fervently . I Thess. 5:17. Jas. 5:16.
 Commune spiritually. I Cor. 11:27-30. A. 20:7.
 Give liberally . I Cor. 16:2. II Cor. 9:7-8.
 Preach fearlessly . II Tim. 4:1-2. Rom. 1:16.

(If there is any other way or place where I could worship God acceptably--outside of the C of C-- I am unaware of it) **NATURALLY**, I would urge and invite every non-Christian in this audience to be absolutely sure of your worship to God

3. I wanted to be absolutely sure of THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

(Believe C of C teaches the Christian--life in its purest and finest form--just like the book says it!)

- Matt. 5:8. Pure. Romans 12:1-2. Beseech. I Th. 5:22.
- Identity, purpose and mission. Gen. 1:26-27. Ident. Ecc. 12:13-14. Purpose. Matt. 28:18-20, Jas. 1:27..
 - Unimpeachable moral standard. Matt. 5:13-16. Restrictive. Strict. Confining! Matt. 7:13-14.
 - Peace of Mind. Rom. 5:1. Phil. 4:6. John 14:27.
 - Hope of Immortality. John 14:6. John 11:25-26. Comforts my heart. Rests my soul. Relaxes spirit.

INV: Close with Lord's invitation to come to HIM and HIS church.
 Matt. 11:28-30.