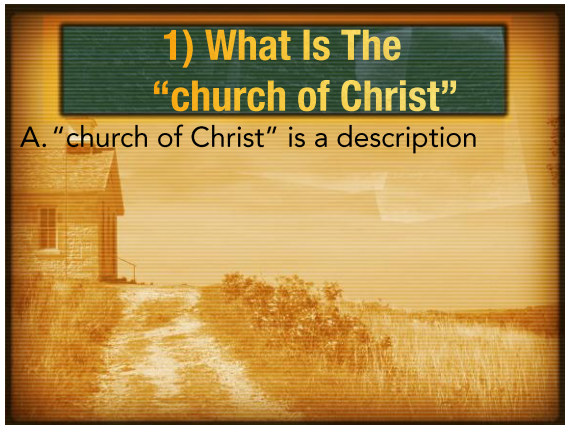


Under Consideration...

- Using It As A Denominational Name
 - Concluding It Is The Only Name
- Using It As An "Approval of God"
- Using It As "at least it's a church of Christ..."

1) What Is The "church of Christ"

A. "church of Christ" is a description



Ekklesia = Church

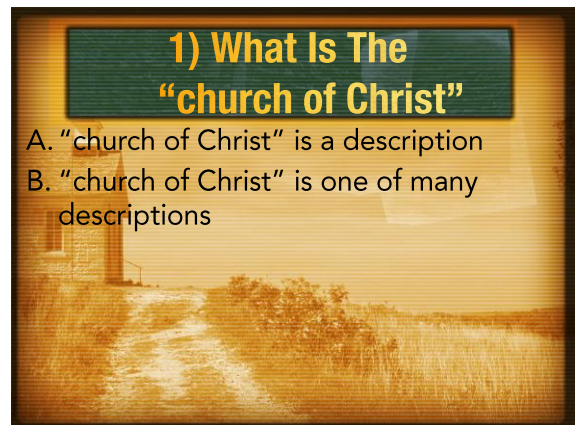
- a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place; an assembly
- any gathering or throng of men assembled by chance or tumultuously (Acts 19:32, 39, 41)
- an assembly of Christians gathered for worship (1 Cor. 11:18; 14:19, 34, 35)
- A company of Christians (Acts 5:11; Acts 8:3; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Corinthians 6:4; Philippians 4:15; 3 John 1:6; Acts 8:1; Acts 11:22; Romans 16:1; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Corinthians 6:4; Revelation 2:1, 8)

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

1) What Is The "church of Christ"

A. "church of Christ" is a description
B. "church of Christ" is one of many descriptions



Descriptions of Saints...

- Church of Christ – Romans 16:16
- Church of God – 1 Corinthians 1:2, 10:32; 2 Cor. 1:1; Acts 20:28, 1 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Timothy 3:5
- Church of the Firstborn – Hebrews 12:23
- The Church – Acts 11:26; Galatians 1:2; Ephesians 5:23; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:15; Philemon 1:2
- Saints – Eph. 1:1; Philipians 1:1; Col. 1:2

2) "church of Christ" Is Not God's Stamp of Approval

- A. "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." Col. 3:17
- B. A Name Does Not Give Us the Right to Disrespect God's Authority.
- C. Were All 7 Churches in Revelation Approved by God? (Rev. 2&3)

3) "church of Christ" Does Not Equal Fellowship

- A. 1 John 1:5-7
- B. Saying, "at least it's a church of Christ" May Make Us Feel Better But It May Not Be True.

Luke 6:46

"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"