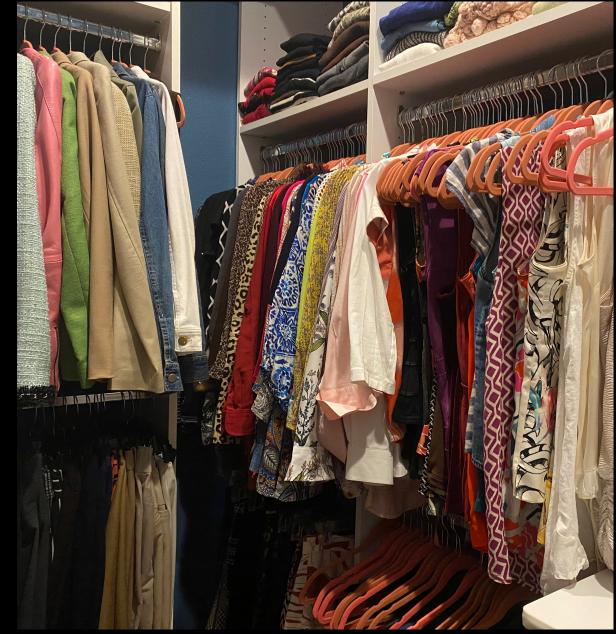
## WELCOME FAMILY & FRIENDS









## How do we decide which church is the right one?

## **Identifying the Lord's Church**

What church did Jesus build?

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For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

DEUTERONOMY 7:6

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (ESV) I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

#### Daniel 2:44 – 45 (ESV)

44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, 45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

## In those days John the **Baptist came preaching in** the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

~ Matthew 3:1-2

#### Matthew 16:16 – 19 (ESV)

16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



"AND I ALSO SAY THAT YOU ARE PETER

-MATTHEW 16:18

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#### Matthew 16:28 (ESV)

28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

#### **MATTHEW 28:18-20**

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit, and teaching them to obey everything | have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. **Acts 1:8** 

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#### Acts 2:37 – 39 (ESV)

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

#### Acts 2:41, 47 (ESV)

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

## He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom in whom we have the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13-14



"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, [21] that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20-21 ESV)

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 1 Corinthians 1:10

#### Ephesians 2:15 – 16 (ESV)

15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

#### Ephesians 4:1 - 6 (ESV)

<u>1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk</u> in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 **There is one body** and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Since there is only one true church, how do we know which one among the many is that one church of Christ?

#### TO BE CONTINUED IN PART 2...

# Are you a member of that one true church?