

A man in a blue suit stands with his back to the camera, hands on his head, looking distressed. He is surrounded by numerous question marks of various sizes and styles, some appearing to be drawn or sketched. The background is a light, textured wall, and the floor is a dark, patterned surface. A small green horizontal bar is visible in the top left corner.

Answering Challenging Questions:

**Is the church of
Christ a Cult?**

The Challenging Accusations & Questions we are looking at in this study:

- The church of Christ is a cult.
- Members of the church of Christ are Campbellites.
- The church of Christ is just one denomination among many other denominations.



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CHURCH OF CHRIST
a Cult?





Definition of a cult:

- “a system of religious veneration and devotion directed toward a particular figure or object.”
- “a relatively small group of people having religious beliefs or practices regarded by others as strange or sinister.”
- Does the church of Christ meet the definition of a cult?

Is the name “church of Christ” biblical?



- Matthew 16:13 – 19
- Defining the term “church”:
 - Ekklesia (ek-klay-see'-ah)
 - It is defined as, “a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both):--assembly, church.)
 - It is used 118 times in the NT.
- There are many names for the Lord’s church in the NT.
- The emphasis of the phrase must be placed on “of Christ.”
- Romans 16:16 (ESV) (16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.)

In our next study, we will
continue our study in Part 2
