



Answering Challenging Questions:

**Is the church of Christ a
Cult? (Part 3)**

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.



IS THE
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a Cult?



TERMS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. The salt of the earth
2. A letter from Christ
3. Fish and Fish net
4. The boat
5. The ark
6. Unleavened bread
7. One loaf
8. The table of the Lord
9. The altar
10. The cup of the Lord
11. Wine
12. Branches of the vine
13. Vineyard
14. The fig tree
15. The olive tree
16. God's planting
17. God's building
18. Building on the rock
19. Pillar and buttress
20. Virgins
21. The Messiah's mother
22. The elect lady
23. The bride of Christ
24. The wedding feast
25. Wearers of white robes
26. The choice of clothing
27. Citizens
28. Exiles
29. The Dispersion
30. Ambassadors
31. The poor
32. Hosts and guests
33. The people of God
34. Israel
35. A chosen race
36. A holy nation
37. Twelve tribes
38. The patriarchs
39. Circumcision
40. Abraham's sons
41. The exodus
42. House of David
43. Remnant
44. The elect
45. Flock
46. Lambs who rule
47. The Holy City
48. The holy temple
49. Priesthood
50. Sacrifice
51. Aroma
52. Festivals
53. The new creation
54. First fruits
55. The new humanity
56. The last Adam
57. The Son of Man
58. The Kingdom of God
59. Fighters against Satan
60. Sabbath Rest
61. The coming age
62. God's glory
63. Light
64. The name
65. Life
66. The tree of life
67. Communion in the Holy Spirit
68. The bond of love
69. The sanctified
70. The faithful
71. The justified
72. Followers
73. Disciples
74. Road
75. Coming and going
76. Witnessing community
77. Confessors
78. Slaves
79. Friends
80. Servants
81. "With..."
82. Edification
83. Household of God
84. Sons of God
85. Brotherhood
86. The body of life
87. Members of Christ
88. The body and the blood
89. The diversities of ministries
90. Spiritual body
91. Head of cosmic spirits
92. Head of the church
93. The body of this head
94. The unity of Jews & Gentiles
95. The growth of the body
96. The fullness of God

A CHART STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

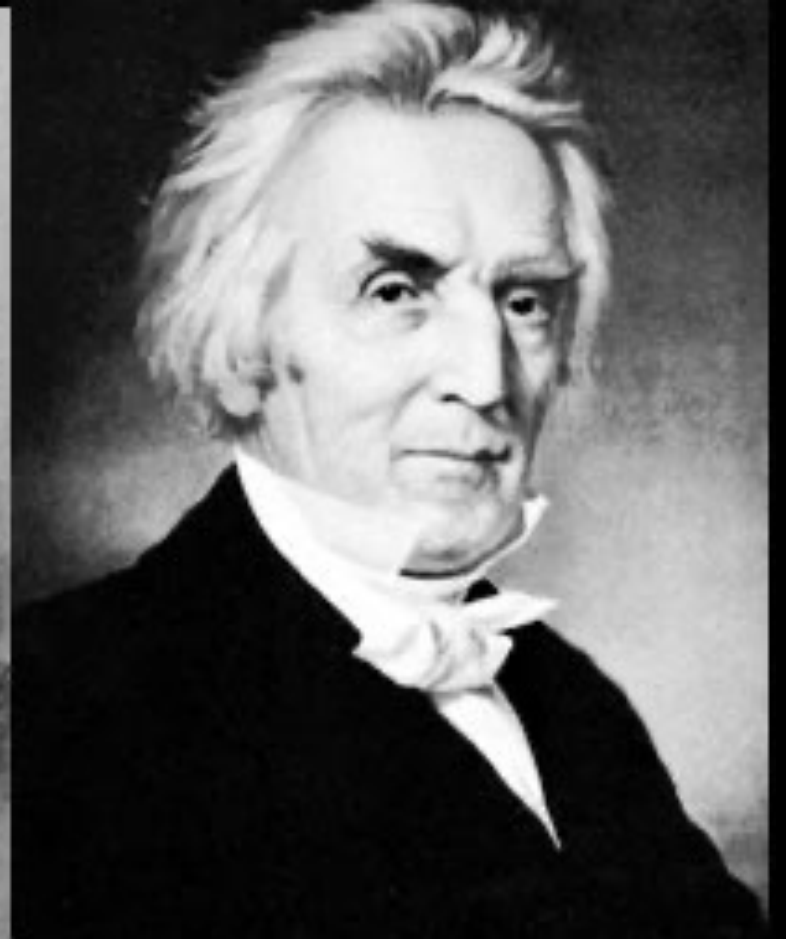
"Ye shall not add unto the Word . . . neither shall ye diminish ought from it."

—Duot. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19.

The New Testament Church

FOUNDER	{ JESUS CHRIST Matt. 16:18 }	{ Foundation	{ JESUS CHRIST Eph. 2:19-20; I Pet. 2:4-6; I Cor. 3:11. Isa. 28:16; Matt. 16:18; }	{ Founding	{ Isa. 2:1-4 Luke 24:49; Acts 2:1-4 Acts 2:41, 47. }	{ Character	{ Visible, Gal. 1:13 or Invisible, I Pet. 2:5 }	{ Law of the Kingdom, Matt. 28:19-20 }
The Organization Consists of	{ Saints Elders Deacons }	{ Called of God, Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2; II Tim. 1:8-9. How called, Heb. 8:10; Jno. 6:45; Rom. 10:14-15; I Cor. 1:21; II Thess. 2:13. Why called, Acts 26:16-18; Luke 24:17; Titus 2:14; II Thess. 2:14; Rom. 10:8-13; 11:23-32. Office, I Tim. 3:5; 5:17; I Pet. 5:1-3; Acts 20:28. Character, I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9. Duty, I Tim. 3:2; 5:17; I Pet. 5:2-3; I Thess. 5:12; Jas. 5:14 Office, Acts 6:1-6. Character, I Tim. 3:8-13. Duty, Acts 6:1-3.	{ Duty of the Church to the Officers	{ To be submissive, Heb. 13:7; 17:1; I Pet. 5:5. Not rebuke, I Tim. 5:1. About accusations, I Tim. 5:19. Honor, I Tim. 5:17; I Thess. 5:12-13. Salute, Heb. 13:14.				
NAME	{ OF Organization OF Members }	{ Church of God, Acts 20:28; I Cor. 1:2; I Tim. 3:5 Church of the living God, I Tim. 3:15. Body of Christ, Col. 1:24; Eph. 4:12; 5:23. The Church of Christ, Rom. 16:16; Eph. 5:23. Disciples, Jno. 15:8; Acts 11:26. Saints, Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2. Brethren, Luke 8:12; I Cor. 15:6; Jas. 1:2; II Pet. 1:10. Christians, Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Pet. 4:16.	{ Other Names Sinful, I Cor. 1:11-15; 3:1-7; Rom. 8:6-7.	{ Authority for taking the name Christian	{ Isa. 65:15; 62:2; Acts, 11:26. Jas. 2:7; I Pet. 4:16. Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:13-17; Dan. 9:19; Eph. 3:14-15.			
Creed—JESUS CHRIST	{ Apostles Creed, Matt. 16:16; Rom. 10:8-10. Importance of confessing Christ, Matt. 10:32-33; I Jno. 4:15. Examples of confessing Christ, Matt. 16:16; Jno. 1:49; Acts 8:37; I Tim. 6:12. Unchangeableness of creed and confession, Heb. 13:8.							
	{ Baptism Communion }	{ Proper subject—A penitent believer, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12; 8:37; 18:8. How performed, Matt. 3:16; Acts 3:38-39; Jno. 3:5; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:5; Heb. 10:22. Design, Mark 16:16; Jno. 3:5; Acts 2:28; 22:16; I Pet. 3:21. Instituted, Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:23-26. Importance of, Jno. 6:48-58; I Cor. 10:16. When to be observed, Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:26. Self examination before taking, I Cor. 11:28. Result of partaking unworthily, I Cor. 11:27; 29-30.	{ It is a communion with Christ I Cor., 10:26.					
Music—vocal	{ Sing, Eph. 5:19; Matt. 26:30. Teach in song, Col. 3:16.							
Discipline and Rule of Faith and Practice—WORD OF GOD	{ Sufficiency for church government, II Tim. 3:16-17 Seed of the Kingdom, Matt. 13:3; Luke 8:11. Sword of the Spirit, Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12.	{ To be used in the conversion of the world. Mark, 16:15; Matt. 28:19-20						
MISSION OF THE CHURCH	{ To teach, Eph. 3:10 To worship, I Cor. 11:18-22; Heb. 2:12. To care for the poor, I Tim. 5:16; Eph. 3. To be an example, Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15 To save, Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23. To send and support missionaries, Phil. 4. To build itself up, Eph. 4:12. To support the truth, I Tim. 3:15.							

Are we
Campbellites?
Was the church of
Christ established
by Alexander
Campbell and
Barton Stone?



When was the church of Christ established?

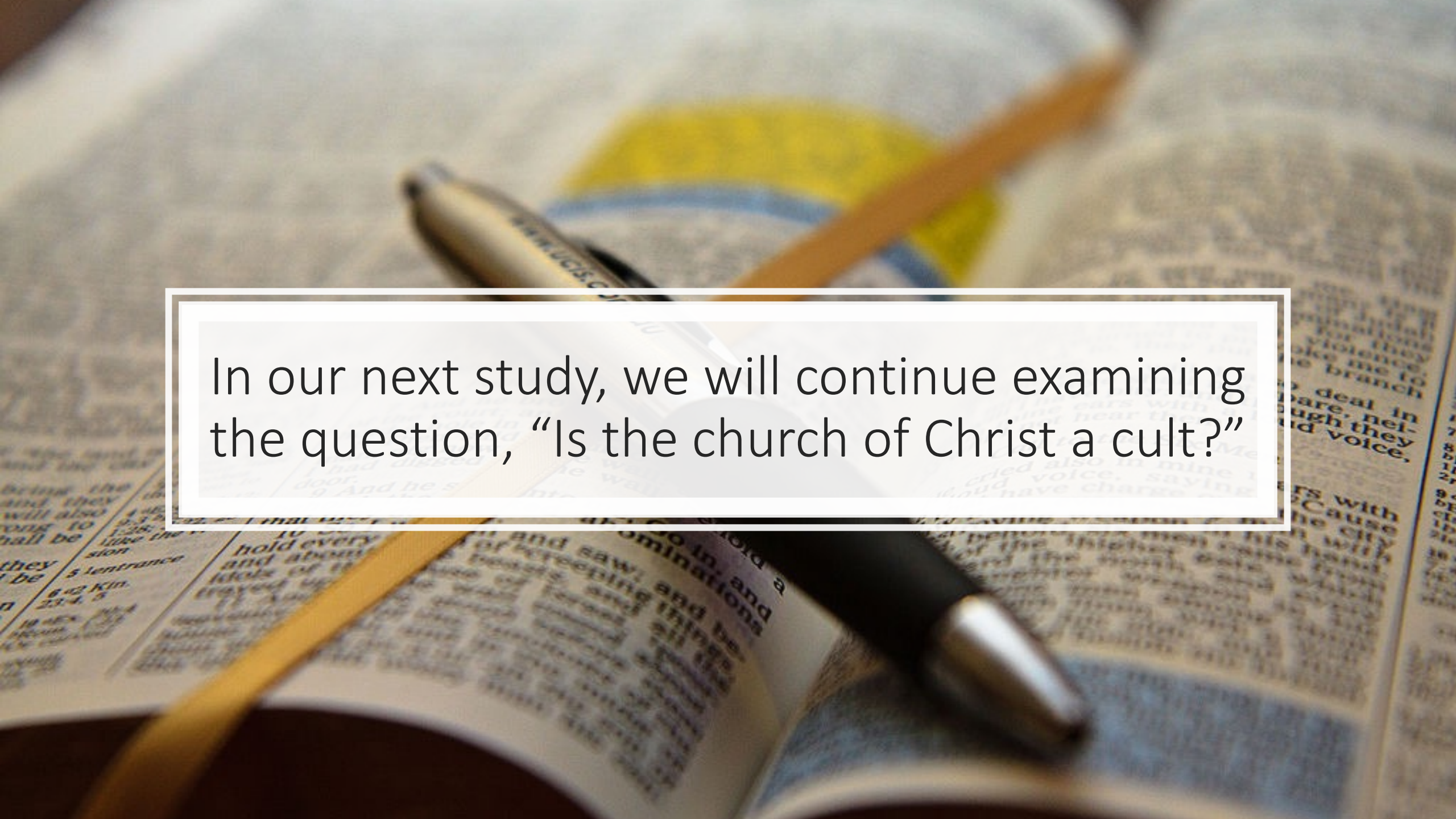
- Matthew 3:1 – 2
- Matthew 16:16 – 19
- Matthew 16:28
- Matthew 28:18 – 20
- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:37 – 39
- Acts 2:41
- Acts 2:47
- Colossians 1:13 – 14

Is the church of
Christ a
denomination?



Definitions of a Denomination:

- Webster's online dictionary:
 - an act of denominating the denomination of prices in U.S. dollars
 - a value or size of a series of values or sizes metric denominations;
 - name, designation;
 - a religious organization whose congregations are united in their adherence to its beliefs and practices people from several different Christian denominations
- The Cambridge online Dictionary defined denomination as:
 - a religious group whose beliefs differ in some ways from other groups in the same religion.



In our next study, we will continue examining the question, "Is the church of Christ a cult?"