

“Churches of Christ”  
have Changed

Jer 6:16

# Preaching

- Mt 4:23 & ff, e.g. Mt 5, 15, 19 Jesus
- Ac 2:42; 6:2,4; 11:26; 19:9; 20:7,17f  
Apostles and Prophets
- Letters to churches & Christians
- 1Tim 1:4-6; 4:6, 11, 16; 5:7; 6:2; 2Tim 4:1-4;  
Tit 2:1...15 Preachers
- Tit 1:9 Elders

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# ***Bible knowledge***

## ***Respect for Bible Authority***

- **Mt 28:18...20**
- Scriptures above on Jesus, apostles, prophets, & preachers work
- **1Co 11:23f; 14:37; 16:2; 2Th 2:15; 3:6; 2Tim 1:13** Pattern?

*Churches cannot be or remain what God wants without thorough and working knowledge of the Bible and respect for Bible authority!*

## Concepts of the church - **nature**

Rom 16:16; 1Th 1:1; Php 1:27; 1Tim. 3:15

**“of Christ”** - Those “in Christ” banding together to wrk & wor. in duties peculiar to being “in Christ”

**“Church of Christ”** no longer assures that you will find a group dedicated to understanding, teaching, and following **the will of Christ**, worshipping **in the name of Christ**, and focusing on **the gospel of Christ**! Yet, this is what a “church OF CHRIST” is supposed to be!

# Concepts of the church-oversight

Ac 20:28; Php 1:1 - only “officers”; local in scope and function

## *Contrast:*

- *Centralization, “sponsoring church”*
- *“Mission” churches*
- *Other offices and officers*

# Concepts of the church-worship

Jn 4:24; Mt 15:9; 1Co 14:37

- Sing Eph 5:19 vs. instrumental music, humming
- L.S. on 1st day 1Co 11:17f; Ac 20:7 vs. weekday, other elements
- Giving 1Co 16:1-2 vs. raff., rent, charge for meals
- Prayer—Men lead, 1Co 14:15...34 vs. women lead
- Preaching/Teaching - scriptures above
- Emphasis on rational understanding and faith 1Co 14:6 vs emphasis on emotions, externals

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Mt 19:8