## The Sword Of The Spirit

## "What Is The church Of Christ? (#1)"

Sometimes people ask about the church of Christ; what it is, what it stands for, etc. Let us look at the Scriptures and see a description of the church of Christ.

The church of Christ is not a building. Rather it is a Heavenly institution made up of people who have surrendered their lives to Christ, i.e. Christians (Acts 2:38-42, 11:26). The church was established by Christ (Matt. 16:18), and purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28). Because this is true, the church belongs to Christ (Rom. 16:16), and therefore, Christ is the head of the church (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22).

The church of Christ (individual Christians the world over), has no earthly organization. It is simply saved people who are added to the church by God (Acts 2:47) and thus are in a relationship with God and one another (I Cor. 12:12-20). They are those who have been "called out of darkness and into his marvelous light" (I Pet. 2:9). The church in this sense is referred to at times as "the body" (Eph. 4:4), and Christ is the head (Col. 1:18).

At the same time, Christians living in certain geographic locations form local churches. We can read about local churches in the New Testament. Some local churches mentioned are the church at Corinth (I Cor. 1:2; Acts 18:1-8), the local churches in Galatia (Gal. 1:2; Acts 13-14), the church at Jerusalem (Acts 2), the church at Ephesus (Eph. 1:1; Acts 19:1-5), etc.

Service Times: Sunday: 10, 10:45 am, 5 pm Wednesday: 7 pm

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