

One True Church Series
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Prophetic News

In Pope Francis, Biden Has A Potential Ally — Who Shares The Same Catholic Detractors

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“The second Roman Catholic president in American history is a devout man who makes no secret of the importance of faith in his life. President Joe Biden is a regular churchgoer, often quotes St. Augustine and carries a rosary that belonged to his late son Beau.”

“The pope and the president have a lot in common, says [Paul Elie](#), a scholar of Catholicism at Georgetown University.”

Pope Francis holds historic meeting with revered Shia cleric in Iraq's Najaf

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“Pope Francis has held a historic meeting with revered Shia Muslim cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani on the second day of the pontiff’s visit to Iraq.”

“The 45-minute papal meeting in the holy city of Najaf with the 90-year old al-Sistani -- who rarely appears in public -- represented one of the most significant summits between a pope and a leading Shia Muslim figure in recent years.”

“The Pope also stressed the importance of collaboration and friendship between religious communities.”

Two Pillars Of One Body

In order to know the true from the false you must study and know the truth to recognize the false. This series we are going to look at the one true church of Jesus Christ that is clearly distinguishable from Satan’s false church system.

The purpose of our series is to have clarity and understanding of God’s one true church as oppose to Satan’s false church.

The majority of churches who have “church” in their name or they may profess to be a part of God’s church do not really understand the true Biblical meaning of church. There are literally hundreds of churches but how does a person know which church to be active in. Should they choose a church based on a denominational name, close proximity, good choir, or entertainment?

If you go to E-sword Bible app and search the word “church” you will find that the word “church” is used in the Bible about 80 times. “Church” is a biblical concept that the true people of God must understand. Most people don’t understand the true Biblical meaning and understanding of church because they don’t study the origins and purpose of God’s one true church. They make

assumptions instead of studying the true meaning that comes directly from the Bible. Today we are going to build the foundational understanding of “church”.

What is the meaning of the word “church”?

Church (NT word Greek)

Strong's - “calling out” / assembly

Thayer Definition: 1) a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly.

A church denomination or group may call themselves a church, but how do you know if they are part of God’s true church? The Bible clearly reveals the true church of Christ and its standards and how to be a member of His true church.

How many “churches” does God have in the Bible?

Ephesians 4:4-6

- 4 *There is one body*, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling;
 5 **One Lord, one faith, one baptism**,
 6 **One God** and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

God makes it clear that HE only has one body, one Holy Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. God’s one body is referring to the spiritual church of God.

The one body is the ONE church of Jesus Christ. He is the Head of the one body.

Ephesians 5:23

- 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Colossians 1:18

- 18 And he (Jesus) is the **head of the body**, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

There is ONLY one head and that is Christ. Jesus is the only one who is qualified to be the Head and Neck of the church that moves the body!

Romans 12:4-5

- 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
 5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Member (Greek) melos (*mel'-os*) a **limb or part of the body**: - member.

Those who are a “limb” of the body are submissive to the brain that controls and leads all of its members. The limbs are obedient to the brain, the head. Plus, there are NO inactive limbs of the body! All have importance, but they are all active members! Being controlled by the head. Jesus does not have dead limbs or gangrene in the limbs or organs of His body.

Gangrene (or **gangrenous necrosis**) is a type of necrosis caused by a critically insufficient blood supply. This potentially life-threatening condition may occur after an injury or infection, or in people suffering from any chronic health problem affecting blood circulation. The primary cause of gangrene is reduced blood supply to the affected tissues, which results in cell death. - wikipedia [gangrene]

Gangrene / inactivity can kill the whole body... God's body is not sick... So all inactive "limbs" are not part of God's true church! Profession does not automatically make us a limb. It is obedience to the head, allowing the blood of Christ to continually flow through us!

The Blood of Christ supplies the nutrients and oxygen to every limb of the body, only if it is attached to the one body.

What are the two main pillars in which God's true one body church is built on?

Psalms 19:7

7 The **law** of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the **testimony of the LORD** *is* sure, making wise the simple.

Psalms 119:1-2

- 1 Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.
- 2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

Deuteronomy 6:17

17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

The law of God is also known as His commandments.

The true church of Jesus is built on two main pillars the Law and the Testimonies

In the last days, why is Satan so wroth with those who remain connected to the VINE, the one true church of God?

Revelation 12:17

17 **And the dragon was wroth with the woman (God's Church), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

Remnant (Greek) – loipoi (loy-poy') Strong's - *remaining* ones: - other, which remain, residue.

Those in God's last day church are known as the remnant because they are the remaining ones, who remain in the ONE BODY, because they continue to keep ALL the commandments of God and the testimonies.

In summary: The Law reveals sin, the testimonies have the cure for sin... The Law of God is the mirror that reveals sin, the testimonies are the work of Jesus that cleanses us from sin.

Commandments / Law Reveals Sin

1 John 3:4

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

James 1:23 - 25

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the **perfect law of liberty**, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Jesus gives us the power to be a doer of God's holy law if we repent and are converted! The commandments of God reflect the character of God. The law of God points us to the testimony, Jesus Christ, to cleanse us from sin.

How do you REMAIN connected to the one Body, church of Christ and become a true disciple of Christ?

John 15:7-11

7 If ye **abide in me, and** my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is **my Father glorified**, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 **If ye keep my commandments**, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my **joy might remain in you**, and *that* your joy might be full.

Notice: Abide (Greek) = remain. Abide has the same meaning as remnant.

We only reflect the glory of God, His character, by living in Christ; dwelling in the true of body of Christ through the WORD of God. If we are not abiding in Christ we are detached from the true vine, the body of Christ, His true church. We only stay connected to the one true church of Christ by the word of God, by this we will bear the fruit of God.

We abide in the love of Christ and His love flows through us only if we keep His commandments.

John 14:15, 21

15 If ye love me, **keep my commandments**.

21 He that hath **my commandments, and keepeth them**, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

How do we "love" others and what is the love of God?

1 John 5:2, 3

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Truly keeping the Seventh day Holy confirms that you truly believe and love God.

Exodus 31:13, 16, 17

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant.

17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Sign: 'ôth (*oth*) a *signal* (literally or figuratively), as a *flag, beacon, monument, EVIDENCE* or *PROOF*..

God's has already proven himself. As a sign or proof that we truly believe in Him we keep God's holy sabbath day as revealed in God's fourth commandment in Exodus 20:8 – 11. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days labor, but the seventh-day is the Sabbath... Sunset Friday to Sunset Saturday..... Every seventh-day.

Ezekiel 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them.

Keeping the Seventh-day sabbath holy is our weekly signature of our belief and love for God... This is the evidence. Remember the sabbath is the fourth commandment.

Is it possible to be a member of God One true church by rejecting and violating God's the seventh-day sabbath? NO. (period)

1 John 2:3, 4

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and **keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

What does Jesus call those who break just one commandment and teach others to do the same?

Matthew 5:19

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Testimony of Jesus

Remember the Law of God, His 10 commandments, reveal sin but what is the purpose of the Testimony of Jesus?

Testimony (Greek) Strong's “*evidence* given”

In short the testimony of Jesus is the EVIDENCE given of Jesus. The testimony of Jesus reveals the purpose of Jesus to save people from sin.

The testimony of Jesus also tells us the ministry and prophecies of Jesus revealed and fulfilled.

Revelation 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the **testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Prophecy reveals events before they happen. The Old testament points to the Messiah's first coming or advent that was fulfilled in the New Testament.

The OT testament reveals salvation of the Messiah to come, the first ADVENT. The NT testament is the fulfillment through Jesus Christ. Jesus promised that He will come again for those abiding in the ONE Church of Christ at His second ADVENT.

Summary: The One True Church of God keeps both the law and the testimonies. The law and the testimonies of Jesus cannot be separated. The Law and the Testimonies of Jesus Christ are the two main pillars of His One True Church. From Genesis to NOW, all those who are the remnant, the remaining ones, ABIDE in the ONE Church of Christ by KEEPING ALL THE COMMANDMENTS of God including the God's seventh-day Sabbath and believing the testimonies of Christ which is the spirit of prophecy that reveals the first and second ADVENT (coming) of Christ.

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