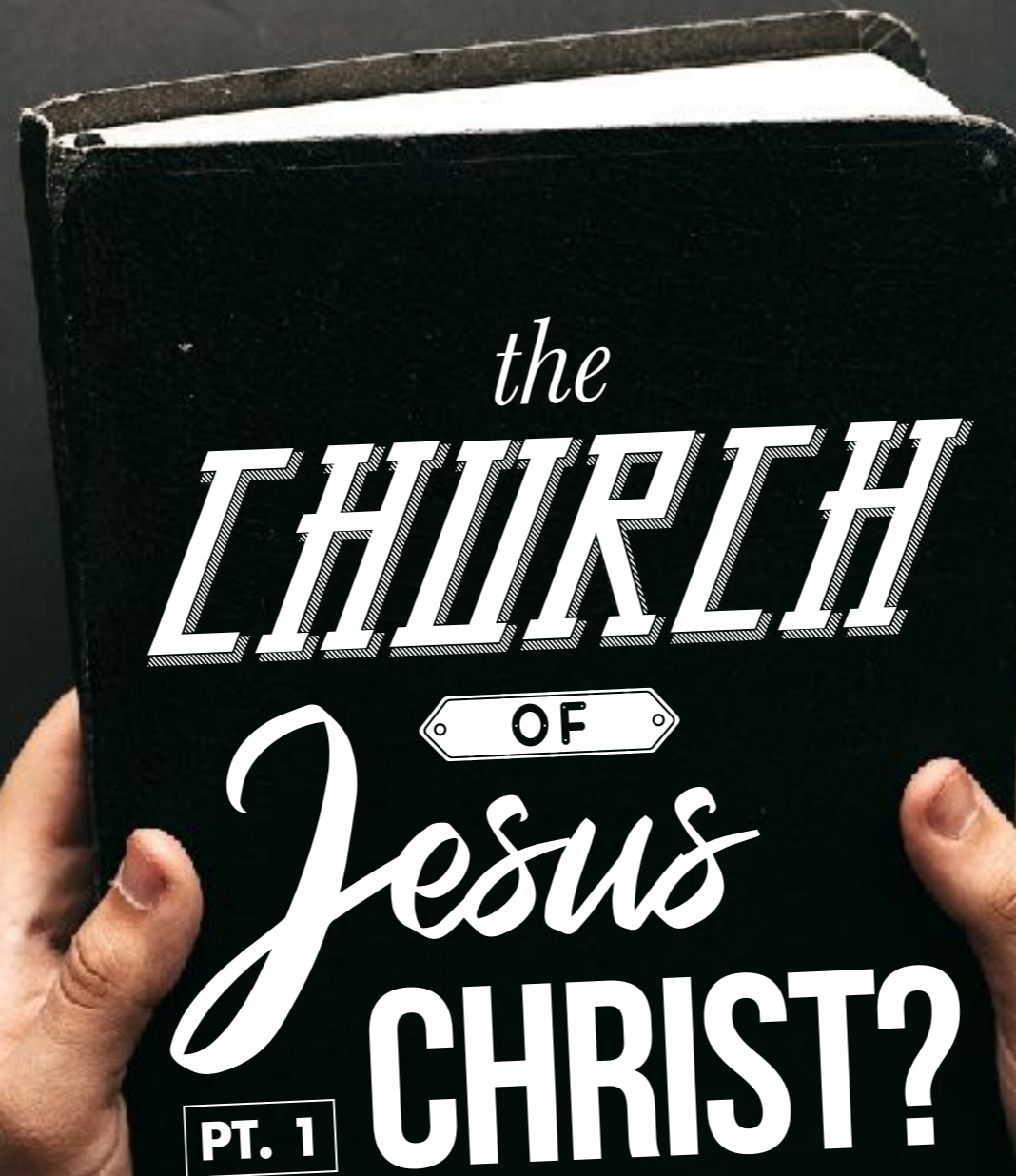


WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT...



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT THE CHURCH/KINGDOM OF CHRIST?

THAT IT WAS GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE.

"The kingdom, friends, has *always existed*... ¹

IN **PURPOSE** (EPH. 3:1-14)

IN **PROMISE** (GEN. 12:3; *et al.*)

IN **PROPHECY** (ISA. 2:2,3; DAN. 2:44; *et al.*)

IN **PREPARATION** (MATT. 3:2; 4:17; 28:19; ACTS 1:4-8)

IN **PERFECTION** (ACTS 2:1-4; 4:32-37; 8:4; *et al.*)

¹ Hardeman, N.B. & Ben M. Bogard. *Hardeman-Bogard Debate*. Nashville: Gospel Advocate, 1938.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT THE CHURCH/KINGDOM OF CHRIST?

THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE.

MATTHEW 16:18

"...upon this rock I will build MY church..."

ROMANS 12:4,5

"...we have many members in ONE body...in Christ"

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14,20

"this body is ONE"

"baptized into ONE body"

"members of THE body
are **ONE** body"

"many are ONE body"

"many members but ONE body"

THAT IT WILL NEVER END.

IF Jesus established a church in A.D. 30
(cf. Mk. 9:1; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4);

And **IF** the church Jesus established in A.D. 30
will never be destroyed (Dan. 2:44);

And **IF** the church Jesus est. in A.D. 30 is **the only way**
to salvation (Jn. 14:6; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; *et al.*);

THEN the church Jesus established in A.D. 30 must
be **IDENTIFIABLE** throughout remaining centuries!

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT THE CHURCH/KINGDOM OF CHRIST?

**THAT IT WILL NEVER END
(AND THUS IS IDENTIFIABLE).**

PROCESS OF IDENTIFICATION			
BASIC TRAITS OF MAMMAL →	WARM-BLOODED	LIVE BIRTH	NURSES YOUNG
SNAKE?	✗	✗	✗
BIRD?	✓	✗	✗
DOG?	✓	✓	✓

Not Mammal

Not Mammal

Mammal!

THAT IT WILL NEVER END

ACTS 2:42

"And **they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching** and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Not
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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT THE CHURCH/KINGDOM OF CHRIST?

In the New Testament, "the church" is the collective assembly of all those who:

HAVE OBEYED CHRIST'S GOSPEL;
WEAR NONE BUT CHRIST'S NAME;
USE NOTHING BUT CHRIST'S WILL
(THE NEW TESTAMENT) AS THEIR
AUTHORITY, PATTERN, AND GUIDE
IN ALL APPLICABLE MATTERS.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT THE CHURCH/KINGDOM OF CHRIST?

In the New Testament, "the church" is the

1 TIMOTHY 3:15

*"...the house of God, which is
the church of the living God,
**THE PILLAR AND GROUND
OF THE TRUTH.**"*

IN ALL APPLICABLE MATTERS.