

I. The Place Of Fellowship

A. Ephesians 1:22-23 **What is the church?**

Compare Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27 **Who is in the body?** Compare Galatians 3:26-27

Romans 16:16 **What are the local bodies called?** Compare I Corinthians 1:2

Acts 4:12 **Are names important?** Compare 1 Corinthians 1:12

*Should we call our church Trinity Episcopal, Redeemer Lutheran, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, etc.?

B. Matthew 16:18 **Who is the founder of the church?** Compare 1 Corinthians 3:11

*Was Luther, Boniface III, Calvin, Wesley, Russell, etc. the founder(s)?

C. Luke 24:46-47 **Where was the church founded?** Compare Isaiah 2:2-3; Acts 8:1

Acts 2:1, 419 47 **When was the church founded?** Compare Daniel 2:44

*Was it founded in Rome (606AD), Germany (1530AD), England (1534AD)g U.S.A. (1830AD), etc.?

D. Ephesians 1:22-23 **Who is the head of the church?** Compare Ephesians 5:23-24; Colossians 1:18, 24

*Should I follow the Pope, Archbishop of Canterbury, some "modern day prophet", some preacher, etc.?

E. Acts 17:11 **What is the only source of information used for authority in the church?** Compare 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Revelation 22:18-19

*Should I use a catechism, prayer book, missal, etc.?

F. 2 John 9-11 **What is the only form of doctrine in the church?** Compare Mark 7:6-9; 1 Timothy 6:3-5

*Should I believe Calvinism, Arminianism, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Premillennialism, Moonism, etc.?

John 12:48 **Where is the doctrine of Christ found?** Compare I Corinthians 4:6; 14:37; 2 Corinthians 1:13

*Should I use creeds, articles of faith, confessions, treatises, edicts, etc.?

G. 1 Timothy 3:1-13 **What are the only authorized offices in each congregation?** Compare Titus 1:5-9; Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23; 20:17-28; 1 Peter 5:1-5; 1 Timothy 5:17; Ephesians 4:11

*Where is the authority for a clergy/laity system, monks, nuns, reverends, ecclesiastical bodies, synods, councils, general assemblies, conferences, boards, central headquarters, etc.?

John 17:20-21 **Does denominationalism promote unity or division and confusion?** Compare 1 Corinthians 14:33; 1:10-17; 3:3-4; Galatians 5:20

Ephesians 4:4-5 **Are there truly "many churches" or "many faiths"?** Compare John 10:16

H. Acts 11:26 What are members of the church called?

*Should I be called Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, Calvinist, Moony, etc.?

1 John 4:23-24 **How should I worship?** Compare Romans 16:17; Mark 7:6-9 Psalms 145:18

*Can I worship with Catholics, Lutherans, Baptists, Witnesses, or anyone else I know to be in error?

II. The Purpose of Fellowship

- A. John 4:21-24 compare Acts 2:42, 47
- B. Romans 12:10 compare I Peter 1:22
- C. Galatians 5:13 compare John 13:1-17
- D. I Thessalonians 5:11 compare Hebrews 10:24-25
- E. Romans 15:14 compare Colossians 3:16
- F. 1 Timothy 4:11-16 compare I Corinthians 14:31
- G. Ephesians 4:12 compare 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Conclusion: Which choice will I make?

- a. Worship in vain with those I know to be in error? YES or NO
- b. Worship in spirit and truth with those I know to be saints? YES or NO