

The TRUTH about the CHURCH

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For every promise that God makes to mankind, the Devil develops a cheap counterfeit to distract and lure "man" away from the truth. The doctrine concerning "**the church**" is just one example.

As surely as there are "false" prophets, "false" teachers and "false" brethren, there is such a thing as a "false" church.

When Jesus said, "...*I will build my church*..." (Matthew 16:18), he was not referring to a **VISIBLE** church, but an **INVISIBLE** church, a group of "called out ones." God



deals with "invisibility." "*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse*" (Romans 1:20). They are "understood" by faith.

Because Satan appeals to man's **five senses**: *touch, taste, feel, sight and hearing*, it's easier for man to trust in himself, instead of having "faith in God."

"Man" has perverted the "right ways" of the Lord, and has changed the "truth" of God into a lie, building places of worship, and calling them "churches."

The true church is not a building; neither is it a place of worship, nor a "place" at all. The church of the living God is the *invisible* body of Christ, made up of born-again men and women. For Christ "...*is the head of the*

body, the church..." (Col. 1:18) "*for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones*" (Ephesians 5:30).

Jesus explained the "*place to worship*" when he spoke to a woman of Samaria at Jacob's well. The woman said to Jesus, "*Our fathers worshipped in this*



*mountain; and ye (Jews) say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship...*but Jesus said to her "...*the hour cometh, and now IS, when the TRUE WORSHIPPERS shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth...God is a Spirit: and they that worship him MUST worship him in spirit and in truth*" (John 4:21-24).

Just as there are two churches in the world, there are also **two spirits** in the world that guide them: "...*the spirit of truth and the spirit of error*" (1 John 4:6).

The Holy Spirit "...*shall not speak of himself...*" (John 16:13), while the *spirit of error* (*the dove symbol*) **DOES**.

The true church is **NOT** an organization, but a living organism, which makes up the Bride of Christ. Paul said, "*This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church*" (Ephes. 5:22-33).

We use the OLD King James Version: Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:"