

Search for Truth

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Every true follower of Christ wants to find the true church of Jesus Christ. However, there is much confusion on this subject. There are many churches and each says, "We are the true church." How can you be certain, which is God's true church today?

If all the different flags in the world were hung upon a line, could you tell which is your flag? Surely. Just as you can easily locate your flag by certain specifications, you can easily and with certainty locate which is the true church of Jesus Christ. Elder Joseph Bullard focuses in this Search for Truth on revealing these identifying marks.

God reveals the false church and He calls it Babylon. Revelation 17:3-5: "So He carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

"Babylon is fallen." From what has she fallen? From Bible truth! God says that His people are still in Babylon, but He wants His people to come out. Revelation 18:2, 4: "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Just before Jesus comes, a message is to go to everyone on planet earth. Revelation 14:6-12: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgement is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. 8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

By comparing Jeremiah 6:2, Isaiah 51:16, and Corinthians 11:2, we come too only one conclusion, that this woman of Revelation 12 is a figure or symbol of the true church of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:1: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"

Chapter 12 of Revelation describes the conflict between Christ and Satan-how Satan has tried to destroy God's church. Revelation 12:3, 9: "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his head." "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

In Ezekiel 4:6 we read, I have appointed thee each day for a year. So 1,260 days equals 1,260 years. This is important to know as we look at Revelation 12:6 and it tells us how long the church was to be persecuted. "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

The dragon is the devil, the woman is the church, and the remnant is a church that will keep all the original teaching of the original church of Christ. Revelation 12:17: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Revelation 19:10: "...for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

God's true church today will keep all of God's commandments. John 14:15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments"

The Lord has true followers in all churches. John 10:16: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd"

God is calling each of us. John 10:27: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me"

Those who keep the truth are going to go through those pearly gates. Revelation 22:14: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Eastern Band Chief to be Sworn In

Leon Jones, Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has nominated and on May 4 Tribal Council confirmed the appointment of Harry C. Martin as the first Chief Justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Martin is a former associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court of Appeals. In October, Chief Justice Martin retired as the Chief Circuit Mediator for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, where he had served for five years. In addition, Chief Justice Martin has served as the senior resident superior court judge in Asheville for many years, and has practiced law in Asheville and Hillsborough, with his sons Matthew and John in the firm Martin and Martin, P.A. In March, Chief Justice Martin was part of the legal team that obtained the largest verdict in the history of Orange County.

A native of western North Carolina, Chief Justice Martin is a veteran of the Pacific Theater of World War II. Martin holds an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a law degree from Harvard Law School, a masters degree in law from the University of Virginia and has studied at the National College for Judges and Oriel College of Oxford University. Chief Justice Martin has taught law at UNC and Duke University.

Chief Justice Martin is married to the former Nancy Dallam and, in addition to his sons, has a daughter, Mary, who is an architect in Miami.

Chief Justice Martin will lead the development of a new and independent court system for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. A formal induction ceremony will be held on May 31 at 10 a.m. at the Tribal Council Building in Cherokee.

Investment Tips

Time in the Market -vs- Timing the Market
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Measuring Your Portfolio

There is more to the stock market than just the "Dow." Although that may sound obvious, it warrants comment for those investors who are disconcerted by the current ups and downs of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Without negating the significance of these shifts for those who invest in the 30 stocks that make up the Dow, let's review all the indexes from the perspective of investors with diversified portfolios. First, a few basics:

What Is an Index?
An index is a composite of securities designed to replicate the structure and performance of a specific segment of the financial markets. Market indexes are developed and used as comparative measurements for the performance of securities with similar investment style attributes. The most commonly quoted index is the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

What Is the Dow?
In 1884, Charles Dow compiled a list of eleven stocks, nine railroads and two manufacturing firms. The average of the closing prices of the stocks was posted in a financial bulletin that he published with his partner, Edward Jones. The financial bulletin was the forerunner of The Wall Street Journal, and Dow's list of stocks evolved into the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

Today there are actually four Dow Jones Averages. In addition to the Industrial Average there are: the Transportation Average, which consists of 20 airlines, railroads and trucking companies; the Utility Average, comprised of 15 gas, electric and power companies and the Dow Jones Composite Average, which includes all 65 companies that make up the other three averages.

It is the Dow Jones Industrial Average that is reported on television, radio and in newspapers during their daily stock reports. However, today the Industrial Average monitors 30 key industrial companies, which account for about 15% of the total value of all U.S. stocks.

The Dow is a price-weighted index, which means that component stocks are accorded relative importance based on the price per share of their stock. Consequently, higher-priced stocks have a greater percentage impact on the index than lower-priced stocks. If there is a sharp increase in the price of one of

All Gave Some, Some Gave All

The Pembroke VFW Post #2843 will hold a brief ceremony Monday morning, May 29th, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at the Pembroke Town Park, west of First United Methodist Church, to pay tribute to all veterans, especially those who fought for our country on foreign soil. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated for this solemn occasion.
Erwin Jacobs, Post Judge Advocate

-- The New York Stock Exchange Composite index monitors 2,834 stocks, including most of the S&P 500, representing over 82% of the value of all U.S. stocks. The New York Stock Exchange Composite, like the Nasdaq, is a capitalization-weighted index.

-- The Russell 3000 follows the 3,000 largest American stocks. It includes only common stocks within the U.S. and its territories. Their combined value accounts for 98% of the total value of all U.S. stocks.

-- The Russell 1000 monitors the 1,000 largest U.S. companies, and although it represents one-third of the stocks monitored by Russell, it accounts for 90% of the value of the Russell 3000. This is a good indicator for the U.S. large-company stock investor.

-- The remaining two-thirds of these companies are monitored by the Russell 2000. The value of these stocks represents the remaining 10% of value of the Russell 3000. The Russell 2000 is considered representative of U.S. small-and mid-size company stocks.

Like the Dow, the Russell indexes are price-weighted indexes. All other Russell indexes are subsets of the Russell 3000 Index.

If you want to measure the performance of fixed income securities, you have another universe of indexes from which to choose. A fixed income investment should be compared to the appropriate bond index depending on the type of bond and its maturity. For example:

-- The Salomon Brothers Broad Investment Grade Bond index measures the monthly, market-weighted total return of all Treasury, agency, investment grade or better corporate, and mortgage-backed securities that have a stated maturity of one year or longer and with at least \$25 million outstanding.

-- The Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate Bond index measures the monthly, market-weighted total return of all Treasury, agency and investment grade corporate bonds with maturities of greater than one year and with a minimum of \$1 million outstanding.

This is a much-abbreviated sample of indexes for each specific segment of the financial markets. When measuring investment performance, it is important to use the appropriate comparative indexes in order to make a meaningful evaluation.

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Our apologies but there will be NO horses or horses and carriages in the parade. We apologize for any inconvenience in last week's ad.

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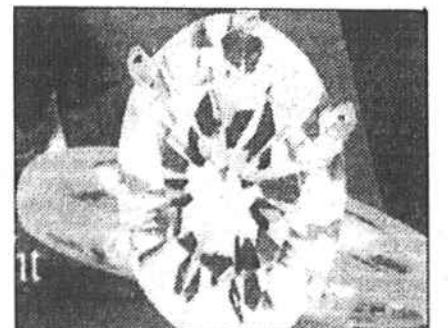
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- » Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. «
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