

Search for Truth

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How to Know God's True Church Today

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 colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. (4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, 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, 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 upon 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 judgment 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 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 up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, nor worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth 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 II Corinthians 11:2 we come to only one conclusion, that this woman of Revelation 12 is a figure or symbol of the true church of Jesus Christ. Revelation 21:1: "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 heads." "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 the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

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