



How to Identify Truth

The Bible says, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all...” Ephesians 4:6
In light of this passage how do we find the true church when there are so many denominations?

- I. The living church is the pillar and ground of the truth. I Timothy 3:15
- II. The true church will teach according to the Bible. Isaiah 8:20
- III. The true church is to be unified. “That there should be no schism in the body.” I Corinthians 12:25
- IV. Paul tells us that there will be false teachers and churches. “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock...to shepherd the church of God...For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.” Acts 20:30
- V. The devil will make war with God’s last day (remnant church). Revelation 12:17
- VI. The Bible tells us the characteristics of God’s last day church.
 - a. The church will have the testimony of Jesus. Revelation 12:17
 - b. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Revelation 19:10
 - c. It will be a church that keeps the commandments of God. Revelation 24:12, Exodus 20:12
 - d. It will be a church that goes into the world proclaiming the God of Hope to all people. Matthew 28:20
 - e. It will teach the hour of judgment is come. Revelation 14:7
 - f. It will teach about Babylon, the beast, and the mark of the beast. Revelation 14:9,10

- g. It recognizes that God loves all people. John 10:16 Yet it will call people out of Babylon. Revelation 18:4
 - h. It will be a group of believers who appear after the period of terrible persecution which ended in 1798 A.D.
- VII. The true church has been in the making for many years. It has found it's culmination in a group of Christians called Seventh-day Adventists. It is a movement of people who have all the traits listed in the Bible as the traits of God's last day church.
- VIII. God began to bring people back to truth during the time of the reformation.
- a. Wycliffe – 1370 A.D. – brought back the truth of bible reading for the people.
 - b. Huss – 1400 A.D. – attacked doctrine of papal supremacy and confessional.
 - c. Luther – 1482 A.D. – brought back righteousness by faith in Jesus.
 - d. Calvin – 1555 A.D. – brought back the truth of serving God out of love and choice rather than out of force.
 - e. Williams – 1650 – brought back the truth of baptism by immersion.
 - f. Westley – 1703 A.D. – brought back the truth of conversion and the new birth experience in Jesus.
 - g. Miller – 1820 A.D. – brought back the study of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.
 - h. The seventh-day Sabbath was brought back as the true Lord's Day. Revelation 12:17; Isaiah 58:1,12,13
- IX. God is calling his true followers to be part of His movement that believes and obeys the truth that is in Jesus throughout the entire bible. Revelation 18:1-4