The Sword Of The Spirit

"What Is The church Of Christ? (#3)"

We have been studying about the church of Christ and have learned that the church is made up of Christians (Acts 2:38, 47, 11:26). We learned that a local church is organized with elders, deacons, and saints (Phil. 1:1), while the church in that "world-wide" sense (all Christians) has no earthly organization. We also studied about the work of the church in earlier articles.

In continuing our study, the church of Christ does not use man-made creed books or manuals for its doctrine. While some churches today may use synods and councils to determine doctrinal teachings and practices, the church of Christ does not need these things to determine what is right or wrong in the sight of God. The church of Christ simply uses the Bible to determine what is right or wrong.

Peter said, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles (or utterances) of God..." (I Pet. 4:11). The saying, "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak, where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent" is based on this verse. In truth, the Bible is all we need for determining what is truth (II Pet. 1:3; II Tim. 3:16-17). Jesus said it is His word that will judge us one day (Jn. 12:48). Thus, the church of Christ is satisfied to simply follow what the Lord has said in Scripture (To be continued...).

Service Times: Sunday: 10, 10:45 am, 5 pm Wednesday: 7 pm

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