

Morning Lesson

WHAT CHURCH TO JOIN?

Acts 9:26

INTRO:

1. There are so many groups claiming to follow Jesus.
2. So what church should a person join?

I. HAS GOD EVER COMMANDED YOU TO JOIN ANYTHING?

- A. If so, I have yet to find the passage in his word.
- B. The text was selected because it has the word *join* in it.
Gal. 1:15-18.
- C. To join a church I would have to do one thing to become a Christian and another to get into the church. **Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 12:18; Col. 1:24**
- D. God gives people membership. **Eph. 5:29, 30**

II. ALL CHRISTIANS ARE IN THE SAME CHURCH.

- A. God puts people in one of two classes – lost or saved.
1 Pet. 4:15-17
- B. Christians belongs to the house of God. **1 Tim. 3:15**
- C. If all Christians are in the house of God, and the house of God is the church of the living God, then all Christians are in the church of the living God. **Acts 16:30-33; Heb. 11:7**
- D. There are only two masters to serve – God and Satan.
Matt. 12:30; Matt. 7:13, 14; Col. 1:13

III. HOW MANY CHURCHES DOES GOD HAVE?

- A. All redeemed people are Christians and we are redeemed in Christ. **Col. 1:14; Eph. 1:22, 23**
- B. All Christians are reconciled and reconciled people are Christians. **Eph. 2:15, 16; 1 Cor. 12:27**
- C. There is but one Christ and there is but one divine church.
Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:20
- D. We know, according to the Bible, we need not join any.
1 Cor. 1:10

CONC:

1. We need to encourage people to start asking how to become a Christian.
2. God's word is plain. **Acts 16:31; Mark 16:16; John 12:48; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3; Rom. 10:10; Acts 2:38; 22:16.**
3. With whom shall I worship? Worship with people who worship in harmony with the book.