**Christ’s Church**

1. Christ’s church is not…
2. A building.

* (Stephen) Acts 6:13-14; 7:44-50 (Had made mention of idolatry to calf) (READ)

1. A denomination.

* Denomination – to call by or name something after another.
* 1 Corinthians 1:10-13
* In order have a church named after you…
  + Serve as a sinless sacrifice. (Hebrews 10:11-12; Romans 3:23)
  + Must have God given authority. (Matthew 28:18)

1. A social club.

* John 4:23-24 (seeking such to ***worship*** Him)
* 1 Corinthians 11:22 (making LS common meal; also not waiting on each other)

1. A man’s idea.

* Ephesians 1:3-6; 3:8-12 – Eternal Purpose. (READ)

1. Christ’s church is…
2. His body.

* Colossians 1:18,24; Ephesians 1:22-23
* It is united – 1 Corinthians 12:27 (made up of people)(READ)
  + (Romans 12:16; 2 Corinthians 13:11)

1. Only one body.

* Ephesians 4:4-6
* Ephesians 5:22-33 (READ) – Christ bridegroom, church bride.
  + Genesis 2:24 – One man one woman.

1. For…
2. Evangelism

* Matthew 28:18-20
* Acts 2:46-47
* 2 Timothy 4:2

1. Edification

* 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 12, 18-19, 40 (READ)
* Ephesians 4:16

1. Benevolence

* 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Romans 15:25-27 (READ)

1. The fulfillment of God’s plan.

* Matthew 16:18
* The called out – 1 Peter 5:10
  + To be saints – 1 Corinthians 1:2
  + To be children of God – 1 John 3:1
  + To salvation through Christ – 1 Thessalonians 5:9
  + To inherit a blessing – 1 Peter 3:8-9

**Are you a member of Christ’s church?**

**Why not?**