



## The Church of God

**T**hree distinct faiths are mentioned in 1 Corinthians 10:32, Jews, Gentiles and the Church of God.

**(1 Cor 10:32 KJV) Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:**

It is the latter to which you and I belong, yet this group is largely ignored by worldly powers, with far greater emphasis being placed on the gentiles. Today's Jews have so arranged it that no mention of their particular faith can be discussed without tremendous redress. The Jews mentioned in the Bible are not the ones that occupy this earth today. It is today's Jews, a sect of worldly organizers, that largely determine today's norms—even if you find this difficult to embrace. It is this people who do not make mention of the Church of God in their edicts and writings designed to control the gentile masses.



With no mention of the Church of God, either feigned or chosen ignorance of aggressive unbelief of the Scriptures must run its course, and reduce those so bound blind to divine consequences.

God has placed special emphasis on the Church of God, it being the most significant following of Him, as well as the most powerful family ever to grace this earth. The Church of God has more power within it and at its disposal than has been realized. This power is so significantly universal that it can render evil throes ineffective and utterly void. Generally, the single activator of its power is Jesus Christ-signed

prayer, something that no other entity or power can halt or deny, save the Church's populace, if it also chooses ignorance. Let us pray that it does not.

'Church' is translated from the Greek word ekklesia, meaning 'a calling out.' The Church of God is called out by God. Each and every born again member was called out of the corrupt world, the likes of which has been strewn across the entire earth.

First and foremost, the Church of God is to glorify God.

**(1 Cor 10:31 KJV) Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.**

The Church of God was bought and paid for with the blood of Jesus Christ. No other offering or greater price could have been made.

**(Acts 20:28 KJV) Take**

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heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his [Jesus Christ's] own blood.

The Church of God is comprised of God's saints, His holy ones. Members are called 'sons of God.' These holy ones are those who call upon the name of their lord Jesus Christ. Once made, this lordship cannot be rescinded.

(1 Cor 1:2 KJV) Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

The Church of God is required to eat and drink holy communion. Never is this act of remembrance to be tarnished by unbelief and misuse of the Holy Scriptures.

(1 Cor 11:22 KJV) What? have ye not houses to eat and to

drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

Despising Scripture and contaminating communion shames those who are so inclined to do so.

Worthy to note is a most significant truth that God comforts his own, especially the Church of God.

(2 Cor 1:1-5 KJV) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: {2} Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ. {3} Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; {4} Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

{5} For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

The Church of God is built upon grace, God's favor, and it is on this great and wonderful avenue of faith that God comforts us in all our tribulation [pressures of life]. Through this means, the Church of God receives God's mercy and comfort. Sufferings will abound in us, but so will God's comfort.

God's comfort brings hope; it allows hope to flourish even in the darkest of moments. No amount of evil or darkness or demonic diatribe can undo God's care for His Church.

(2 Cor 1:7 KJV) And our hope of you *is* steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall* ye *be* also of the consolation.

In those times of old in which the Apostle Paul served and ministered to members of the Church of God, the then Jews persecuted Christians, the Church of God. These people, the Jews of Paul's day, are

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largely extinct. Some of that bloodline does exist today, yet those claiming such heritage are few and far between. Today's Jewry is a belief system, not a blood system. That means that anyone can claim to be Jewish. Long ago, in past times, that wasn't the case. Don't be fooled by rhetoric; only the Bible can provide truth on this matter; its light annihilates all related darkness, be it in the form or words, aggression or worldly principalities.

Church leaders are required to care for the Church of God. Anything less is defiled unbelief and practice.

**(1 Tim 3:5 KJV) (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)**

Timothy contains leadership instruction; leaders must first know how to care for their families. If they can't do this, they can't care for the Church of God.

We have viewed a different perspective of God's Church. It is an entity that he fully cares for, has sanctified and blessed with His grace and mercy. God has called

out the members, an act which can never be defiled. Once God's voice rings out, the words serve their purpose and cannot be recanted. Darkness has no place in God's Church, and those who esteem to defile it will be met with the fate of God. Man is never asked to deliver such fate; only God can render evil unproductive. All evil is spawned by the devil.

Among present and tarnished moralities, let us embrace the knowledge, with appropriate awareness, of the Church of God. Let us make mention of it in daily deeds and words, undersigning our prayers with the name of Jesus Christ, fully believing in the power of Christ's faith and accomplishments. Do not bow to humanity's whims, their gentile-systems of doubt, profit, leisure, fear and demise. Stand tall and strong in God's comfort no matter how intense your sufferings. They do not matter when compared to the grace, mercy and hope that will soon be revealed in us.

**(Isa 40:5 KJV) And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath**

**spoken it.**

**(Rom 8:18 KJV) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

**(2 Th 1:7-12 KJV) And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, {8} In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: {9} Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; {10} When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. {11} Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the**

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work of faith with power: {12} That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Pet 4:13-16 KJV) But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory **shall be revealed**, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. {14} If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. {15} But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. {16} Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

(1 Pet 5:1 KJV) The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the

sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that **shall be revealed**:

Glory be to God in the highest!

Much Love in Christ.

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