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These man-made churches use terms like “Reverend”, “Father”, and “Apostle” for preachers today. They also have women preachers, etc.

Membership of the Church

The Lord’s church follows Jesus’ terms of membership: hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized (Romans 10:17; Acts 18:8; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38; 22:16). The Lord adds one to his church (Acts 2:47).

Churches of men today encourage membership by faith only, praying the sinner’s prayer, joining by vote or letter, joining by sprinkling or pouring water for baptism. Other churches have no baptism, infant baptism, etc.

Character of the Church

The Lord’s church is spiritual, not carnal (1 Corinthians 3:1); disciplined, not disorderly (2 Thessalonians 3:6); pure, not spotted (Ephesians 5:27); alive, not dead (Revelation 3:2); and, hot, not lukewarm (Revelation 3:16).

Churches of men today may have some correct characteristics, but they are often filled with carnality, worldliness, division, and apathy. - *continued*

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Find the Lord’s Church Today

Friend, how many churches did Christ build (Matthew 16:18)? Just one! Membership in a man-made church will bring you ruin (Matthew 15:13). Division caused by man-made churches is against God’s will (John 17:21; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:4). You can find the Lord’s church today. Become a simple New Testament Christians today!

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

How to Identify the Lord's (True) Church - Part 2

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven. And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

- Matthew 16:16-19 -

Doctrine of the Church

The Lord's church teaches the law or doctrine of the New Testament only (Acts 2:42; Galatians 6:1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The churches of men today do not limit their teaching to the New Testament as they should. Sometimes they teach more than the New Testament, sometimes they teach less than the New Testament, and sometimes they teach something other than the New Testament. These churches teach all kinds of man-made doctrines that are written and recorded in the creeds of

men, catechisms, confessions, manuals, disciplines, articles, the Book of Mormon, etc.

Work of the Church

The Lord's church does a work that consists of evangelizing the lost, edifying the saved, and providing benevolent help for needy saints (Ac. 11:26; 11:29; 13:1-3).

The churches of men will do those same things, but they will also do a whole lot more in the name of "good works". These things are not found as a work of the church in the New Testament - things like entertainment, recreation, politics, social reform, health care, secular education, etc.

Worship of the Church

The Lord's church engages in worship to God that consists of singing (without instruments), praying, preaching, contributing, and the Lord's supper (Ephesians 5:19; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:20ff; 16:1-2).

Churches of men today do these same things but sometimes they add other items of worship or remove scriptural items of worship. They do things like quarterly communion or no communion at all, instrumental music, solos, choirs, pageantry,

worship images, pray to dead saints or Mary, confess sin to priests, tithe, have raffles, bingo, sales, businesses, etc.

Organization of the Church

The Lord's church is organized the way that Jesus wants. Each local church strives to have saints, elders, and deacons (Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23; 20:17,28; 1 Peter 5:2-4). Each local church is independent and autonomous. There is no hierarchal structure.

Churches of men today have a hierarchal structure as well as synods, conventions, dioceses, conferences, headquarters, societies, Presidents, Popes, Cardinals, Arch Bishops, Presiding Elders, Presiding Bishops, etc.

Preaching of the Church

The Lord's church preaches the word of God by men who are called "evangelists", "ministers", or "preachers" (Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 2:12).

Churches of men today call the preacher the "Pastor" (a man in the New Testament who is actually an elder or bishop).

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