



The Bible Says



The Number One (1) # 13

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There is **one body**, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4:4-6 KJV)

One Body

Last week we learned that the one body is the church (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18). Since the body is the church and there is one body, how many churches? ONE!

We also learned that the church was built by Christ, (Matthew 16:18) and it belongs to Christ (Acts 20:28). Then how do we explain 1200 plus denominations in the world - all claiming to be the Lord's Church? All but one (the one Christ built) are man made.

Christ and the Church

<u>New Testament Church</u>	<u>Founder</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
	<u>Christ</u>	<u>33 AD</u>	<u>Jerusalem</u>
Roman Catholic	Bishops of Rome	251	Rome
Lutheran	Martin Luther	1530	Germany
Presbyterian	John Calvin	1536	Switzerland
Baptist	John Smythe	1611	Holland
Methodist	John and Charles Wesley	1739	England
Mormons	Joseph Smith	1830	America
Jehovah Witnesses	Charles T. Russell	1872	America

For example: Christ's church was established by Christ on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ in approximately 33 A.D. It began in Jerusalem.

The Roman Catholic (and all that follow) had the **wrong founder**, began at the **wrong time** and in the **wrong place**. Christ built one church. To what denomination did the apostles belong? NONE! None of today's denominations existed at that time.

Next week: How to become a member of a denomination vs. a Christian
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