

Why Do You...?

I. Why Do You Teach There Is Only One Church?

We know there is only one church because of . . .

1. Plants, Mt.15:13-14
2. Promises, Mt.16:13-19
3. Prayers, Jn.17:20-21
4. Precepts, 1 Co.1:10-13
5. Patterns, Ep.1:22-23; 4:4
6. Pictures, Ac.2:38-47

I. Why Do You Teach There Is Only One Church?

**II. Why Do You Believe
The Bible Is God's Word?**

Internal / External Evidence

Early testimony. Ac.2

Eyewitness testimony. 1 Co.15

Enemy testimony. Josephus.

Embarrassing testimony.

Disciples

Mk.14

Peter

Gal.2:11-13

Personal Evidence:
The gospel has power to . . .

Save, Ro.1:16-17

Sanctify, Ro.6

Strengthen, Ro.4:20-21 (10:17)

I. Why Do You Teach There Is Only One Church?

II. Why Do You Believe The Bible Is God's Word?

**III. Why Do You Take
The Bible So Seriously?**

‘Why not celebrate parties...
as other churches?’

‘God is a Father, not a drill instructor’

- If Bible is God’s word, it deserves greatest respect
- 1 K.12, people focus

Speaking with authority

- Father
- Policeman
- Judge
- Doctor
- God?

‘the church of God’ –
1 Co.1:2

‘the church of Christ’ –
Ro.16:16

Lk.20:4, ‘of’ / ‘from’:
Source, Origin, Ownership

‘Of’ heaven:
why not believe?

‘Of’ men: not
connected w. God

Speaking with authority

- Father
- Policeman
- Judge
- Doctor
- God?

‘the church of God’ –

1 Cor

‘the church of Christ’ –

16:16

4, ‘of’ / ‘from’:

se, Origin, Ownership

‘Of’
why not believe?

‘Of’ men: not
connected w. God

‘We don’t know’ (7) =
We don’t care to find out

Speaking with authority

- Father
- Policeman
- Judge
- Doctor
- God?

1 Co.3:1

2:1 = Acts 18

Five years later: no growth

I. Why Do You Teach There Is Only One Church?

II. Why Do You Believe The Bible Is God's Word?

III. Why Do You Take The Bible So Seriously?

**IV. Why Do You Take
The Lord's Supper Every Week?**

Common statements

- 'Taking it weekly makes it common'
- If not on first day of every week, no way to determine a set time
 - Monthly?
 - Quarterly?
 - Annually?
 - Special 'holy' days?
 - Saturday night?



WHY?

Acts 20

- Paul's desire (v.16)
- Paul's delay (v.6-8)

NT authority
(approved example):
First day of week

Every week has a first day
(forced conclusion):
Cf. Ex.20:8

I. Why Do You Teach There Is Only One Church?

II. Why Do You Believe The Bible Is God's Word?

III. Why Do You Take The Bible So Seriously?

IV. Why Do You Take Lord's Supper Every Week?

**V. Why Do You Emphasize The
First Day Of The Week?**

OT: Sabbath – Ex.20⁸ – Col.2¹⁴⁻¹⁷

What happened on first day of week?

- Resurrection, Mt.-Jn. (20:19, 26)
- Pentecost, Ac.2:1 (Lv.23:15-16)
- Holy Spirit, Ac.2:4
- Church, Ac.2:41-47
- Churches took Lord's supper, Ac.20:7
- Church contribution . . . 1 Co.16:2

‘On the first day of every week’ –BDAG; Th., etc.