



The Clarksville Beacon

www.Clarksvillechurchofchrist.org

Clarksville Church of Christ
407 W. Lewis & Clark Pkwy.
Clarksville, IN 47129

Volume 32 Issue 18

Clarksville Church of Christ

May 3, 2020

The Origin Of The Lord's Church

Welcome!

If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Intro: Read Matt 16:18-19. We need to understand the origin of the Lord's church. There are distinguishing characteristic of the Lord's church's origin. Let's take a look.

I. Originated in the Last Days

Is 2:2, Micah 4:1, 1 Tim 3:15, Acts 2:16-17, Heb 1:2

II. Originated in the City of Jerusalem

Is 2:3, Zech. 8:3; 1:16, Acts 2:5

III. Originated in the Life of Some Disciples

Matt 4:17; 16:18-19, Mk 9:1
Acts 1:15

IV. Originated in the Days of the Roman Kings

Dan. 2:31-44, Mk 1:14-15, Luke 2:1; 3:1 ; 20:22-25
Acts 25:10-11, Phil 4:22

V. After The Holy Ghost Came To Apostles

Mk 9:1, Lk 24:49, Acts 1:8; 2:4,47

VI. Originated When the Word was First Preached Among All Nations

Acts 2:5, Is 2:2-3, Lk 24:47, Acts 2:41,47, Luke 8:11

Garden Graces

Read Genesis 2:1-18. Grace is an undeserved gift. It speaks of the giver. From the very beginning of time we can see God's grace for His creation. Let's take a look at some evidences of this tonight.

I. Gave _____

Gen. 2:7; 1:26, Acts 17:28, Dan. 5:23

Jn 10:10

II. _____ Moral _____

Gen. 2:16-17; 13:8-9

III. Gave _____ Things To _____

Gen. 2:9, 16, I Tim. 6:17, Js 1:17

2 Sam. 12:7-8

IV. _____ All _____

Gen. 2:18, Matt. 6:31-33, Gen. 3:21

Acts 14:16-17

V. _____ For Our God

Gen. 3:19, Heb. 12:5-9

Gen. 6:5

VI. _____ That Which Was _____

Ps 3:8, Gen. 3:15, I Jn 3:18

Jn 3:16, I Jn 4:10, Jn 15:13

Rom. 5:8, Gal. 4:4-5, 2 Cor. 5:18

Rom. 6:22, Eph. 1:7, Rev. 22:14, 17

The Church

What is the church? That's a very good question. It is helpful to understand that the church is not the building. The walls, roof, windows and doors do not comprise the church. And, it is helpful to understand that the church is not some ecclesiastical (or hierarchical) institution that makes and disseminates laws and rules for people to follow. That is not how the Bible describes the church. Rather, the Bible presents the church as the people.

First, let us understand what the word "church" means. The original word for "church" literally means, "the called out." Thus, the church is made up of ones who have responded to the gospel (2 Thess. 2:14) and have been "called out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9). They have been "delivered...from the power of darkness" of sin and the world, and "conveyed...into the kingdom," which is His church (Col. 1:13).

Second, let us understand who is in the church. The church is not a country club that someone joins. The church is comprised of those persons whom God has put into it. But who has God placed in His church? The Bible teaches that the church is composed of those who have been saved. In Acts 2, individuals responded to the complete gospel message for the first time. When they did, their sins were forgiven (2:38) and they were "saved" (2:47). Immediately, "the Lord added to the church...those who were being saved" (2:47). Jesus is "the Savior of the body" (Eph. 5:23), thus those whom the Savior saves are those who are in His body, the church (Eph. 1:22-23).

Third, let us understand the depictions used for the church. There are various images used for the church in the New Testament, and each of them helps us to understand the nature of the church even more. The church is depicted as a "body" (1 Cor. 12:12-27), a "family" (1 Tim. 3:15), a "kingdom" (Col. 1:13), a "bride" (Eph. 5:23-33), a "temple" (1 Cor. 3:16-17), a "flock" (1 Pet. 5:2), and an "army" (2 Tim. 2:3-4). Think about each of these. Think about how these help us to have a clearer grasp of the church, as well as a better understanding of those who are in the church.

Fourth, let us understand the destiny of the church. The Bible looks forward to the coming of Christ and teaches, "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father..." (1 Cor. 15:24). At the end of time, Jesus is going to take those in His kingdom (i.e., His church, Matt. 16:18-19) and hand them over to His Father in heaven. So, in order to go to heaven, one must be saved and must be in the church that belongs to Jesus Christ.

What is the church? The church is the people of God, who have been called out of the world, saved from their sins and have become an active part of His kingdom, as they await the return of Jesus and their home in heaven! Are you in His church? The one that we read about in the Bible?

Clarksville Church of Christ
 407 W Lewis & Clark Pkwy
 Clarksville, IN 47129-1649
 (812) 944-2305
www.clarksvillechurchofchrist.org

Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
 Worship..... 10:30 AM
 Worship.....6:00 PM

Wednesdays
 Bible Study.....7:30 PM

Elders
 Stephen W. Nale.....812-948-9917
 Allen L. Morris.....812-967-4536

Deacons
 Jeffrey B. Hunt.....502-931-5766
 Elbert Metcalf.....812-246-5938
 Rondal O. Thompson Jr....812-944-8295
 Mark Maudlin.....502-523-0479

Evangelist & Editor
 Brian Anderson.....317-442-9507
 Email: brian.anderson2@arconic.com

Goals For 2020
Theme
 A Church With 2020 Vision
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class
Hold A Men's Training Class

-Like us on Facebook-View us on YouTube at Clarksvillechurch

We are now in the 18th week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards
 Dale & Greg Kahl (Debbie L's & Ronnie's brother)

Church: Matt.16:18, Acts 2:47
 I Cor. 12:13, Col. 1:18, Eph.1:22-23, Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:23-25

Who Have You Invited To Come to Services This Week

Lord's Supper Reading
 Romans 5:6-10

Scripture Reading
 AM: Matt. 16:18-19
 PM: Gen. 2:1-18

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 2
 Invites last month: 110
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 8

Clarksville Church of Christ
 407 W. Lewis & Clark Pkwy
 Clarksville, IN 47129-1649

Place Stamp Here