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**Goals For 2018**  
**Theme**  
**Body Building**  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 104

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Add Additional Child's Class

Each Member Do An in Depth Bible Study Of Their Own

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We are now in the 11th week of our Bible Reading.

**Prayer List**  
 Harry & Martha Croninger  
 Sharon Nale  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Mary McAfee  
 Jean Hume (Anita's Sister)  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson  
 Debbie Beckham  
 Sandra Anderson (Brian's Mom)  
 Allen Morris—Surgery rehab

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
**Is 53:3-6**

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Matt 16:18-19  
 PM: Jn 12:48

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 4  
 Invites last month: 100  
 Visitors YTD: 0

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**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.

**Read Matt. 16:18-19.** We continue you search this morning for the Lord's church. Let's talk about it's origin this morning.

**I. Originated in the "Last Days"**

Is 2:2, Mich 4:1, I Tim. 3:15, Acts 2:16-17, 47  
 Heb. 1:2

**II. Originated in the City of Jerusalem**

Is 2:3, Zech 8:3; 1:16, Acts 2:5, 47

**III. Originated During the Life of Some Disciples**

Mt 16:18-19, Mk 9:1, Acts 1:15; 2:47

**IV. Originated in the Days of Roman Kings**

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

**V. Originated After the Holy Ghost Came To the Apostles**

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

**VI. Originated When The Word of God Was Spoken To All Nations**

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

## “Confused” by the Truth?

Have you ever had a discussion where the truth seemed more confusing than the lie? If you have, you know that awkward, discombobulating feeling that arises because something you have believed for an extended period of time—even a lifetime—has proven to be false. It can be quite overwhelming.

It is natural that your instinctive response is defensive, even hostile. "Who do you think you are?" and "How dare you judge me?" are phrases on the tip of your tongue. In the heat of the moment, you might even rationalize, "That can't be right." Should you utterly reject the "preposterous idea" while in your "confused" state of mind or should you recognize this feeling of "confusion" as a mental flag that moves you to openly reconsider a conviction, no matter how deeply held it might be?

We often become emotionally attached to what we believe and it is rarely pleasant to be proven wrong.

## “Confused” by the Truth? Con’t

This explains the initial defensive response. However, the real quality of a heart is seen after the initial emotional roller coaster ride ends. Will we stay "confused" by the truth or will we embrace it, giving up the lie?

We can fear and procrastinate like Felix (Acts 24:24-25). We can shoot the messenger, as we reject "his truth" and "gnash at him with our teeth" (Acts 7:51-60). We can be moved by every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:14). We can even remain in a perpetual state of "confusion" and have God reinforce "our lie" (2 Thess. 2:11-12)! On the other hand, we can simply receive the "love of the truth" (2 Thess. 2:9-10).

Momentary confusion at having a conviction disproven is understandable. Choosing to reject the truth or remain "confused" is simply inexcusable. What ever you choose, remember, your response will demonstrate the quality of your heart (cf. Matt. 13:18-23).