

# Answering The Religious Errors Of Our Family, Friends, and Neighbors 1

## “One Church Is Just As Good As Another!”

### Lesson 26

#### INTRO:

- A. How often is it that we hear: “One church Is just as good as another!”?
  - 1. There are other ways of saying it but it means the same thing:
    - a. “Join the church of your choice!”
    - b. “Go to church somewhere this Sunday!”
- B. Newspapers and billboards advertise "Attend The Church Of Your Choice."
  - 1. If one church is as good as another, then to attend the church of one's choice would be the thing to do.
- C. To most people what matters is being sincere in one’s religious convictions and since sincerity is what matters, the church one chooses is not that big of a deal.
  - 1. It is believed that all churches are denominations and that all the various denominations make up the true church of Christ.
- D. Many claim that one church is just as good as another but never give Scriptural proof to support their claim.
  - 1. Is one wife as good as another?
  - 2. If you're traveling to a specific destination, is one road just as good as another?
  - 3. Why are we so careful in physical matters but so careless in spiritual matters?
- E. I would like to suggest that while this statement may “sound good,” it is not a statement that people actually apply to themselves nor do they practice.
  - 1. This statement continues to be said, not because people actually practice it, but rather because it has a “good ring” to it.

#### I. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH ABOUT ONE CHURCH BEING JUST AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

- A. The Lord Built His Church!
  - 1. The Lord said He would build His church. **Matthew 16:18**
    - a. **QUESTION:** Can a man-built church be as good as the church Christ built?
      - 1) NOT ACCORDING TO THESE VERSES:  
**Psalms 127:1; 1 Timothy 3:15; Matthew 15:13**
  - 2. Christ is the foundation of His church. **1 Corinthians 3:11**
    - a. **QUESTION:** Can any other foundation be as good as this foundation?
  - 3. Christ established His teaching. **Matthew 28:18-20**
    - a. **QUESTION:** Can the division and confusion of denominationalism, made by the creeds of men, be as good as the teachings and commands of Christ?
  - 4. Christ shed His blood to save mankind and purchase His church. **Matthew 26:28; Acts 20:28**
    - a. **QUESTION:** Can any man claim that his blood can cleanse from sins and purchase the church as Christ's blood does?

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5. Christ is the Head of His church. **Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18**
  - a. **QUESTION:** Men claim to be the head of their churches and one even claims to be the pope of his, but who would claim that a human head is as good as the Divine Head that Jesus Christ is of His church?
- B. The idea that “one church is just as good as another” is not practical for the following reasons:
  1. If one church is as good as another, then one doctrine is as good as another! If not, why not?
    - a. Some teach baptism is necessary for the forgiveness of sins. (**Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21**); others teach all you have to do is say ‘the sinner's prayer’ to be saved. (**Where is the Scripture?**)
    - b. Some teach we are to take the Lord’s Supper on the first day of the week (**Acts 20:7**); others teach it can be taken any time you want. (**Where is the Scripture?**)
    - c. Some teach we are to sing (**Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16**); others teach we can have mechanical instruments of music or a band if we choose to do so. (**Where is the Scripture?**)
    - d. Some teach that only those capable of believing are to be baptized (**Mark 16:16**); others teach infants can be baptized. (**Where Is The Scripture?**)
    - e. Some teach we pray through Jesus (**John 14:13; 1 Timothy 2:5**); others teach they pray through Mary. (**Where is the Scripture?**)
    - f. Some teach that women are not to preach in the worship of the church nor exercise authority over men (**1 Corinthians 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:12**); others teach that women can lead in worship. (**Where is the Scripture?**)
    - g. Some teach Jesus is an eternal Being (**John 8:58; Colossians 1:16-17**); others teach Jesus was a created being and not eternal. (**Where is the Scripture?**)
  2. The list of various doctrines goes on and on.

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. It may sound good to say that “one church is as good as another,” but, in reality, the Scriptures, along with reason and logic, demand that we reject such an inconsistent and self-contradictory belief.
- B. If every church is a part of the one true church, then we have Christ teaching a multiplicity of teachings, simultaneously!
  1. Just as it is impossible for Christ to teach a multiplicity of teachings, it is impossible for Christ to build more than one church.
- C. If Christ should return today, He would only bless the church He built.