

## **Does It Fit The Description? (R. H. Deaver)**

As I anticipated a lengthy business trip, I knew I did not want to leave my automobile in the airport parking lot for the three weeks I was to be away. So I asked a friend to pick up my car at his convenience and keep it at his home until my return. After telling my friend where he could expect to find my car parked, I began to describe it to him over the telephone. "My car," I explained, "is a 1974 red Buick with a white roof; Texas license number DDD-8979." With this information, my friend promised to pick up my car at the airport the evening of my departure.

I began my flight early on a beautiful morning, confident that my friend would be able to locate my car and drive it to his home. After his own working hours, my friend drove to the airport to get my car. He immediately located the general parking area and began looking for the most obvious detail of the description - a red car.

Seeing several red cars, he drove near for a closer look - not a single Buick. As he continued looking, he saw two red Buicks - both shinning new 1977 models. Realizing this was not the right year model, he looked some more.

After a few minutes of intent searching he observed a 1974 model red and white Buick - but it had a white body and red top. He looked some more. He drove through the parking lot carefully observing the cars and trying to match one of them with the description he had. He came close several times, (even finding one 1974 red Buick with a white top - but it had Oklahoma license plates), but still he knew he had not located the right car.

Several more minutes of searching and comparing, however, led my friend to a 1974 red Buick with a white top, Texas license number DDD-8979. "This is the car," he concluded. "It fits the description in detail." He took the key from his pocket and drove my car to his home. He had indeed found the right car - it fit the description.

Jesus Christ promised to build only one church. Matthew 16:18 - "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." Its organization, its worship, its doctrine, and its practice is described in the pages of the New Testament. As we look for the church Jesus built today, however, we find it almost as confusing a task as trying to find the right red Buick in a parking lot with hundreds of cars. But we CAN find it.

We have a good description of it. All we have to do is to compare these hundreds of religious groups with the description of Christ's church that we have in the Bible. This is a tedious, time consuming task perhaps, but it can be done - we have a good description of what we are looking for!

Does the church you attend fit the Biblical description in every detail? If it does, you may be certain you have found the right church. If it does not, don't stop searching until you have found the one church that Jesus built. Yes, you will know Christ's church when you find it. It's the one that fits the description.