

## Fake vs Real Church

	<b>Church of Antichrist</b>	<b>Church of Christ</b>
<b>The Foundation</b>	<b>Lies</b> <i>John 8:44; Isa. 14:13-14</i>	<b>Truth/Jesus</b> <i>John 14:6; 1 Cor. 3:11; 2 Tim. 3:15</i>
<b>Leadership</b>	<b>A Paid Professional</b> <i>John 10:11-13</i>	<b>People Laboring in Love</b> <i>Acts 20:18-20; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:5</i>
<b>Origin of Authority</b>	<b>A Diploma</b> <i>2 Cor. 3:1</i>	<b>Anointed by God</b> <i>Gal. 1:11-12, 1:15; Heb. 5:4</i>
<b>The Meeting Place</b>	<b>A Special Building</b> <i>Ps. 127:1; Matt. 15:9</i>	<b>Houses, or Wherever</b> <i>Acts 7:48-50, 8:3, 16:13, 16:40, 17:24-25; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 3:6; Rom. 16:5</i>
<b>The Meeting Day</b>	<b>Sunday for a Blip</b> <i>Gal. 4:9-10</i>	<b>Any Day for as Long as God Leads</b> <i>Mark 2:27-28; Matt. 11:28; John 8:36</i>
<b>Accountability</b>	<b>None</b> <i>Acts 7:51</i>	<b>Christ &amp; The Group</b> <i>1 Thess. 5:19; Eph. 5:21; James 1:5</i>
<b>Resolving Disputes</b>	<b>They Kick You Out Secretly</b> <i>Mark 11:18; John 11:48 &amp; 15:25</i>	<b>Individuals or the Group</b> <i>Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Tim. 5:19-20</i>
<b>Oversight</b>	<b>Board Members (Not the Group)</b> <i>Mark 7:9</i>	<b>Proven Elders</b> <i>Acts 14:23, 15:5-6, 15:22, 16:4; 1 Pet. 5:2-3; 1 Tim. 3:1-6</i>
<b>Expressing Authority</b>	<b>Cold &amp; Unbiblical</b> <i>Mark 10:42-43</i>	<b>Done in Love</b> <i>1 Thess. 2:5-7</i>
<b>Involvement</b>	<b>A Few Put on a Show for Spectators</b> <i>Matt. 23:5-8; Matt. 6:2</i>	<b>Whoever the Spirit Moves</b> <i>1 Cor. 14:26-31; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12</i>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Long-winded Mostly Words of Men</b> <i>Eccl. 5:2; Luke 19:46; Matt. 6:5</i>	<b>Central &amp; Scriptural</b> <i>Acts 1:14, 6:4, 12:5; James 5: 16; Col. 1:9-13; Matt. 6:7-8.</i>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>A Musical Show by Performers</b>	<b>A Life Lived to Honor Christ</b> <i>1 Pet. 2:5, John 4:24; Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 14:26</i>
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Tithing &amp; Passing a Plate</b> <i>2 Cor. 2:17; Gal. 3:10; Matt. 6:2</i>	<b>Voluntary to Cover Needs, Help the Poor, or Honor an Elder</b> <i>Matt. 6:3-4; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 20:33-35; 1 Cor. 9:14</i>
<b>Focus</b>	<b>Man</b> <i>Gen. 11:4</i>	<b>God</b> <i>Eccl. 12:13; Matt. 5:16</i>
<b>The Lord's Supper (Communion)</b>	<b>Monthly Nip &amp; Nibble</b> <i>1 Cor. 11:27</i>	<b>Part of a Meal</b> <i>1 Cor. 11:24-32</i>
<b>Spiritual Growth</b>	<b>Hardly at All, If at All</b> <i>Heb. 5:12</i>	<b>Constant</b> <i>Eph. 4:11-15</i>

## **Scriptures for Will the Real Church Please Stand Up!**

### **THE FOUNDATION—FAKE CHURCH: Lies**

**John 8:44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

**Isa. 14:13-14** Thou [Lucifer] hast said in thine heart... I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation...I will be like the most High.

### **THE FOUNDATION—REAL CHURCH: Truth/Jesus**

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**1 Cor. 3:11** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**2 Tim. 3:15** The holy scriptures...are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

### **LEADERSHIP—FAKE CHURCH: A Paid Professional**

**John 10:11-13** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

### **LEADERSHIP—REAL CHURCH: People Laboring in Love**

**Acts 20:18-20** And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house.

**Eph. 4:11-12, YLT** He gave some [as] apostles, and some [as] prophets, and some [as] proclaimers of good news, and some [as] shepherds and teachers; unto the perfecting of the saints, for a work of ministration, for a building up of the body of the Christ.

**1 Pet. 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

## **ORIGIN OF AUTHORITY—FAKE CHURCH: A Diploma**

**2 Cor. 3:1** Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? (This is a rhetorical question since the obvious answer from Scripture is No.)

## **ORIGIN OF AUTHORITY—REAL CHURCH: Anointed by God**

**Gal. 1:11-12** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Gal. 1:15** God...separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace.

**Heb. 5:4** No man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

## **THE MEETING PLACE—FAKE CHURCH: A Special Building**

**Ps. 127:1** Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

**Matt. 15:9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

## **THE MEETING PLACE—REAL CHURCH: Houses & Wherever**

**Acts 7:48-50** Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things?

**Acts 8:3** Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house.

**Acts 16:13** On the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

**Acts 16:40** They went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

**Acts 17:24-25** God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.

**1 Cor. 16:19** The church that is in their house.

**Col. 4:15** The church which is in his house.

**Eph. 2:19-22** Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

**Heb. 3:6** Christ...whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

**Rom. 16:5** Greet the church that is in their house.

### **THE MEETING DAY—FAKE CHURCH: Sunday for a Blip**

**Gal. 4:9-10** But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

### **THE MEETING DAY—REAL CHURCH: Any Day for As Long as God Leads**

**Mark 2:27-28** [Jesus] said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

**Matt. 11:28** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**John 8:36** If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY—FAKE CHURCH: None**

**Acts 7:51** Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY—REAL CHURCH: Christ & The Group**

**1 Thess. 5:19** Quench not the Spirit.

**Eph. 5:21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

**James 1:5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

### **RESOLVING DISPUTES—FAKE CHURCH: They Kick You Out Secretly**

**Mark 11:18** The scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

**John 11:48** If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

**John 15:25** They hated me without a cause.

### **RESOLVING DISPUTES—REAL CHURCH: Individuals or the Group**

**Matt. 18:15-17** If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

**1 Tim. 5:19-20** Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

### **OVERSIGHT—FAKE CHURCH: Board Members (Not the Group)**

**Mark 7:9** Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

### **OVERSIGHT—REAL CHURCH: Proven Elders**

**Acts 14:23** When they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

**Acts 15:5-6** There rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

**Acts 15:22** Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas and Silas, chief men among the brethren.

**Acts 16:4** As they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders.

**1 Pet. 5:2-3** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

**1 Tim. 3:1-6, YLT** If any one the oversight doth long for, a right work he desireth; it behoveth, therefore, the overseer to be blameless, of one wife a husband, vigilant, sober, decent, a friend of strangers, apt to teach, not given to wine, not a striker, not given to filthy lucre, but gentle, not contentious, not a lover of money, his own house leading well, having children in subjection with all gravity, (and if any one his own house [how] to lead hath not known, how an assembly of God shall he take care of?) not a new convert.

### **EXPRESSING AUTHORITY—FAKE CHURCH: Cold & Unbiblical**

**Mark 10:42-43** They which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister.

### **EXPRESSING AUTHORITY—REAL CHURCH: Done in Love**

**1 Thess. 2:5-7** For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children.

## **INVOLVEMENT—FAKE CHURCH: A Few Put on a Show for Spectators**

**Matt. 23:5** All their works they do for to be seen of men.

**Matt. 6:2** When thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

## **INVOLVEMENT—REAL CHURCH: Whoever the Spirit Moves**

**1 Cor. 14:26-31** How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

**1 Pet. 4:10-11** As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

**Col. 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**Heb. 2:12** Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

## **PRAYER—FAKE CHURCH: Long-winded Mostly Words of Men**

**Ecc. 5:2** Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

**Luke 19:46** It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

**Matt. 6:5** When thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

## **PRAYER—REAL CHURCH: Central & Scriptural**

**Acts 1:14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.

**Acts 6:4** We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

**Acts 12:5** Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

**James 5:16** Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

**Col. 1:9-13** Since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son

**Matt. 6:7-8, NIV** When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

## **WORSHIP—FAKE CHURCH: A Musical Show by Performers**

There is no new covenant Scriptural support for this practice.

## **WORSHIP—REAL CHURCH: A Life Lived to Honor Christ**

**1 Pet. 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

**John 4:24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

**Rom. 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

**1 Cor. 14:26** When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

## **FUNDING—FAKE CHURCH: Tithing & Openly Passing a Plate**

**2 Cor. 2:17, NIV** Many...peddle the word of God for profit.

**Gal. 3:10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

**Matt. 6:2** Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

## **FUNDING—REAL CHURCH: Voluntary Contributions to Cover Needs or Honor an Elder**

**Matt. 6:3-4** When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

**2 Cor. 9:6-7** He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

**1 Tim. 5:17** Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

**Acts 20:33-35** I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

**1 Cor. 9:14** Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. [God obviously did not mean receiving a salary since that contradicts the teaching about hirelings of **John 10:11-13**].

## **FOCUS—FAKE CHURCH: Man**

**Gen. 11:4** Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name [for ourselves].

## **FOCUS—REAL CHURCH: God**

**Eccl. 12:13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

**Matt. 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



### **THE LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION)—FAKE CHURCH: Monthly Nip & Nibble**

**1 Cor. 11:27** Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION)—REAL CHURCH: Part of a Meal**

**1 Cor. 11:24-32** When he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH—FAKE CHURCH: Hardly at All, If at All**

**Heb. 5:12** For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH—REAL CHURCH: Constant**

**Eph. 4:11-15** He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

Obviously many more Scriptures could be used to make each point.