

**Series: Why We Do What We Do**

**Why Can't We All Just Be Christians?  
Ephesians 1:22-23**

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1. When you use the word “church” what do you think about?
  2. There are many things that could be said about the church.
    - a. First of all, the church is not a building.
    - b. Secondly, it does matter what is being taught in the church.
  3. There are several factors to consider when choosing a church.
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- I. The Church Has Always Been God’s Plan for the Salvation Through Jesus Christ.
    - A. The word “church” is from the word, “ekklesia,” which means to “call out.”
      1. “The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”  
Isaiah 2:2-3
      2. Kingdom that will stand forever. Daniel 2:44
      3. “I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.  
Joel 2:28
      4. “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.” Ephesians 1:4
    - B. Jesus Christ is the head of the church.
      1. “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.” Ephesians 1:22-23
      2. “And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.” Colossians 1:18
    - C. The name of the church should reflect the head of the church.
      1. “the church,” Colossians 1:18; “the body of Christ,” Colossians 1:24; “the church of God,” 1 Corinthians 1:2; “the church of the first born,” Hebrews 12:23.
  - II. The Church is to be United Under Christ.
    - A. The church of Christ is a unity movement.
      1. John 17:20-23
    - B. Unity is to be one of the most significant goals of the Christian Church.
  - III. The Church Jesus Established is NOT a Denomination.
    - A. The church of Christ is non-denominational.
    - B. The church of Christ has no denominational structure.
    - C. Denominationalism was not the intent of many mainstream religious leaders.