

“Differences Between The Church of Christ And the Christian Church”

- Are there more differences than just instrumental music?
- The Missionary Society came first, then the instrument.
- Differences in Attitudes concerning Bible authority led to the division.
- Sermon: ***“Why I Left The Christian Church”*** by Floyd Decker in 1944.

Reason #1: ***“The Christian church has Educational Directors, Associate Ministers, and Youth Directors. The Church of Christ has Elders, Deacons, Evangelists and Teachers. (Ephesians 4:11; Philippians 1:1). No other officers authorized.”***

Reason #2: ***“The Christian church emphasizes society and the physical man by appealing to the carnal nature with church carnivals, bands, plays, choruses, dramatics, church kitchens, church camps, and elaborate fellowship halls. The Church of Christ do not. (1 Corinthians 10:17; Romans 14:17; 1 Corinthians 11:22, 34)”***

Reason #3: ***“The Christian church celebrates days of worship such as Easter, Mother’s Day, and Christmas. The Church of Christ does not. (Galatians 4:10)”***

Reason #4: ***“The Christian church seeks to get crowds with youth meetings, campaigns for Christ, rallies, drives, and promotions. The Church of Christ does not.” (Rom. 1:16; Rev. 22:18-19)***

Reason #5: ***“The Christian church has Missionary, Benevolent and Educational organizations to execute the work of the church. The Church of Christ does not.” (Ephesians 4:4; 2:10; 3:21)***

Reason #6: ***“The Christian church fellowships various denominations in their activities, leaving the impression that all are brethren; The Church of Christ does not. (2 John 9-11; Gal. 1:6-10)”***

Why Study This Lesson Today?

- Because Every one of the Reasons He gave for leaving the Christian Church are Practiced today in most mainstream—liberal churches of Christ today!
- Liberalism is progressive in Nature.
2 Timothy 3:13
- Liberalism is Sin!
Leviticus 10:1-3; 1 Corinthians 4:6; 2 John 9; Deut. 4:2; 2 Timothy 2:5.
- Recommended Reading on this Subject:

“Marching Feet And Sounding Trumpets” by Luther Blackmon

“Why I Left the Denominational Church of Christ” by Wayne Goforth

“The Arlington Meeting” by Cecil Willis GOT

“Passing The Torch” by Mike Willis

“Why?” by Donnie V. Rader

“The Simple Truth” by Aaron Earhardt