

A Church for All People

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Sad to say, some churches have limited the folks they would serve. By their very name some declare that they exist to serve certain ethnic, social or national groups. Conversely, the church which Christ built is unique because, by design, it is a church for all people.

There are no social distinctions. Paul reminded Christians in Galatia that there is neither bond nor free persons in Christ. All are one (Galatians 3:28).

There are no racial distinctions. In the same place Paul said there can be neither Jew nor Greek in the Lord's church (Galatians 3:28).

There are no economic distinctions. James rebuked those Christians who discriminated against the poor and fawned upon the rich. Such behavior was totally unacceptable in Christ (James 2:9).

There are no age distinctions. Christ made it clear that children were welcome in His kingdom (Matthew 19:13-14). The prophet Joel predicted that young and old alike have a place in the Messiah's kingdom (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17).

There are no political affiliations or agendas required in the church of Christ. His kingdom was and is "*not of this world*" (John 18:32). Christ's church is neither Republican nor Democratic its loyalty is to Him alone.

When these and other negative and undesirable aspects are eliminated, we are left with pure, unadulterated Christianity. That is what we strive for. With the Bible as our only guide and Christ as our only head, we can be the church He wants us to be. We need only trust and obey.

Share the good news. Tell your friends and neighbors about the pearl of great price you have found and invite them to come and see.

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P.S. Bill Richardson asked the question, "Who could not AMEN such as that writing"?

Good folks, "Give this writing away. Give it to family, friends, neighbor and all you meet. If you should want more copies, please, just let me know and I will run-off, copy, as many copies as you can give away. Working together we can "run-off" the devil!!!! So say I.

Bill Richardson!