

THINGS OF CHRIST

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When one reads the Bible it identifies a number of things that are "of Christ." Let us look at the some of the things that are identified in the Scriptures.

Churches of Christ. " ... The churches of Christ greet you." {Romans 16:16} The Bible clearly teaches that the church belongs to Christ. Why does it belong to Him? He promised to build it, Matthew 16:18. He is the head of it, Ephesians 1:19-23. He purchased it with His own blood, Acts 20:28. It is the bride of Christ, Ephesians 5:23-25. All these things show the importance and love that Christ has for this wonderful institution.

Blood of Christ. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1: 7) That blood is a saving power for the lost soul stained by sin. "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." {Revelation 1:5} Without the blood of Christ there is no remission of sins, Romans 6:1-7.

Gospel of Christ. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." {Romans 1:16} The gospel is the "glad tidings," or "good news" about Christ. This gospel is God's saving message to the lost dying sinner. "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you - unless you believed in vain." {1 Corinthians 15:1,2} This message is the most important one all men need to hear. "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation ... " {Ephesians 1:13} Have you obeyed this wonderful message? Do you love to tell the story "of Christ" to others? Are we busy doing the work He gave us to accomplish in His kingdom? Only those who are "of Christ" will be saved in the end! Men need to know these things! ***