

Can the Lord's church exist today?

Many people today are disillusioned by religion. Centuries of division have cultivated a what's-the-use attitude among the masses. Unbelief has settled in the hearts of the majority to the point that they are now simply pursuing the vanities of this life. What is so sad is that a love of this world will leave them in the end with nothing but eternal sorrow.

Many view churches negatively, but there is a vast difference between all the denominations which promote their own agenda from the Lord's true church. The church Jesus built (Matthew 16:18) is intricately connected to Jesus. She is part of who He is and of what His mission is. That church is depicted as the Body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23), and Jesus is her Cornerstone, Head and Savior (Ephesians 2:20; 5:23). Failure to understand this beautiful relationship between Christ and His one church causes disillusionment and disconnection. Misguided believers think they can follow and serve the Head without being part of His Body.

The Lord's church is believers who have heard the gospel call and are obediently responding to the call of their Lord (cf. Acts 2:41, 47), coming out of the world's darkness to walk in His Light. The church is not simply a place you occasionally attend religious assemblies. It is not a man-made organization which distributes services to supply physical or social needs. The church of Christ is the body of the saved, whose allegiance to their King and Priest tempers all choices and actions. The church is the fellowship of disciples joining together to do their Redeemer's will (Ephesians 4:16). It is God's family of Christ-adopted children (Ephesians 1:5; 1 John 3:1). The church of the One whom God made both Lord and Christ is a spiritual relationship created out of immeasurable love - a gathering of redeemed souls marching to eternity's shores.

Can the Lord's church exist today? Yes! "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) His words are words of eternal life; His words are what will judge us. What the Son of God built is unshakable. Truly sanctify the Lord Jesus in your heart and follow His orders, and you will become part of the blessed household of the living God.