

II Idm. 4:1-5

SUBJECT: No Fake
or True Church

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The False and the True Church

False cults:

False cult addicts spread like pernicious parasites as they unwearyingly mill among the millions, parading their evil wares. They hang like barnacles on our doorsteps, as they trade dross for gold, error for truth, disease for health, blindness for sight, bondage for liberty, curse for blessing, and death for life. Their zeal is wonderful. Their dope is detestable.

False ministers:

a newsstory that appeared in *The Grand Rapids Press*: "A former theology professor who said he does not believe that Jesus physically arose from the dead has been ordained as one of the highest-ranking bishops in the church. 'One of the glories of [our] church,' [the] archbishop . . . told reporters Friday, after ordaining the [professor] as bishop, 'is that it has always allowed many different shades of opinion within it.' The appointment has created one of the fiercest controversies in decades. The new bishop has said he believes that some central elements of the Christian creed — such as the virgin birth and resurrection of Jesus — are symbolic rather than literal truths. [He] also said in a television interview that while he believes Jesus was both God and man, other Christians are not obliged to do so."

3. Division
attach, try to discredit Bible-Linking
gospel-funding churches & pastors.
Rom. 16:17, 18

4. A pronounced tendency to magnify
of sinners.
A one track mind

In Tim. 1:4 Paul says to Timothy
we should not + give heed to
fables or endless genealogies, which
cause disputes rather than godly
edification which is in fact.

9. Heret American British-Israel Theory

9. Resurrection, ca 144,000

9. Chiasmatics - speaking in tongues

5. A revival of fact remains
settled long ago.

Asian controversy, and Jesus is not
eternal but is a created being

Legalists, salvation not by grace
but by works.

Repudiate the revelation of the
Trinity

distribute literature

March at the door

Read on radio; seen on TV

II Some of the marks of a true church

1. Bible believing

II Tim. 3:16, 17 $\theta\epsilon\omega\upsilon\epsilon\upsilon\sigma\tau\alpha$

Verbal inspiration
(the text)

Plenary inspiration
(the content)

PLERARIUS
Habeo Verbum

2. Presence of full picture of God

He is light I Jn 1:7

He is love I Jn 4:8

He is life Jn 6:4

He is 3 persons - a Trinity

of I Cor. 13:14 "The grace / the full
of love / and the love / and the
communion of the H. S. be with you
all Amen."

He is a common grace Job. 17:29
the mouth, judgment of God
the sword (right) / hell

3. The full-orbed preceding,
presentation of Jesus.

(1) Birth

Gen 1:1

John 8:58

begin Abraham was
9 am

Psalm 2: 5-8

supper
pre-Nativity

(2) Original birth
evils

(3) Coming death
the Jews' Suffer

(4) Glorious resurrection
I Cor. 15: 3, 4

(5) Coming again
Acts 1: 11
"blessed to come again"

4. The way to be saved:
 by faith through grace
 not by works
 Eph. 2: 8, 9

Good work as evidence of
 conversion, salvation. The new heart.
 "of holiness, good works, mercy, kindness, gentleness, patience."
 of. "mercy, kindness, gentleness, patience all
 of which are wrought in us by the Spirit of God."
 ? want to. I just don't want to.

5. The presence and work of the
 Holy Spirit

6. The gifts of the H.S.^r

- (1) Gifts of wisdom Jm 16:17
- (2) Imparts the new birth Jm 3:5
- (3) Prophecy 1 Cor 12:10
- (4) Individual gifts
 Charism I Cor. 6:19
- (5) Restraint sin II Thes. 2:7
- (6) Gifts of healing for
 effective service Eph 5:18

6. The doctrine, the church itself
(1) sometimes ἐκκλησία used of
the visible, universal church

Eph. 1: 21-23

Heb. 13: 23

(2) But practically all the time,
the local church

of the 7 chs. of Acts, see 2, 3

For reading, ^{INSTRUCTION} meditation, fellowship, ^{prayer}
worship, observance / de advisors.

Heb. 10: 25 = met together in
assembly & exhortation together?

7. Truly be, ready be in
with you

Titus 2: 13 Truly for the blessed
hope, the glorious appearing of the
great God and our Saviour, the Lord
Jesus Christ.

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8. Some practical characteristics

(1) Evangelistic
Jh. 19:10
making appeal

(2) Missionary
Act 1:8
Matt 28:19-20

(3) A regenerated membership
II Cor. 6:14-17
collaboration? both
baptized?

(4) A loving, caring fellowship
i. ^{strong} Jn 13:34, 35 "a new command
that you love one another."

ii. caring
I Cor. 12:25, 26 "if one member
suffers, all the members suffer;
if one member is honored, all the
members rejoice."

