For What, Besides Baptism, Does the Church of Christ Stand?

Eph. 6: 10 – 20; I Tim. 3: 15

Introduction

1. Many people in the religious world think that about all the church of Christ stands for is Baptism for the remission of sins.
2. The religious world, as a whole, has so completely rejected this truth that we have had to make Baptism a battleground with the sects through the years.
3. This is about the only principle they know we stand for.
4. There is danger in standing for but one principle and neglecting others.
5. It is true, we do stand for Baptism, scriptural Baptism, but not for Baptism alone.

I. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST STANDS FIRMLY FOR THE SCRIPTURES
   b. For their immutability, or changeless and unalterable nature – Rev. 22: 18 – 19; Gal. 1: 6 – 9.
   c. For their Finality – John 14:26; 16:13 “all truth”.
   d. For their Authority – Rom. 4:3; 10:8; Matt. 28:18.
   e. For their Proper Division – 2 Tim. 2:15.
      i. Here is the source of much confusion and improper division.
      ii. These divisions are natural, normal, and evident.

II. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST STANDS FIRMLY FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
      i. Pre-existence – Col. 1: 17.
   v. Sacrificial Death – I Cor. 15:3.

   b. It stands for His supreme and sole Authority – Col. 1:18; Eph. 1: 22 – 23; Matt. 28:18.

   c. It stands for Him as the only Savior – Acts 4:12.

III. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST STANDS FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN AND PLAN FOR THE CHURCH.
   a. It recognizes the church as Divine, but human too-- however, not in organization and plan.
   b. It recognizes no human allegiance nor alliance – Col. 3:17; Acts 5:29; Rom. 14:12.
   c. It recognizes the New Testament as the only rule of faith and practice – 2 Tim. 3:16 – 17.
      i. It settles all matters of doctrine, life and practice.
   d. It recognizes only Divine names and titles:
      i. Human names are rejected – I Pet. 4:16; Rom.16:16.
      ii. Titles-- Reverend, Pope, Arch-bishop
   e. It recognizes the local church only as God’s plan of organization to do His work – Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23.
IV.  THE CHURCH OF CHRIST STANDS FOR A LIFE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SERVICE, APART FROM WORLDLINESS  
   a.  You cannot hold to the world by one hand, and to Christ with the other hand – Matt. 6:24; I John 2:15; James 1:27.  
   b.  We, through righteousness, are the light of the world – Matt. 5: 14 – 16.  

   a.  It is opposed to denominationalism, and is not part of it – I Cor. 1: 10 -13.  
   b.  It insists that this unity can only come on the basis of the New Testament, and not by compromise.  

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