THINGS CHRIST DID NOT PUT IN THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION:

1. Today, in the religious world, we find many things practiced that Christ never authorized. Matt. 28: 18

2. Men today want many things in the church that Christ never put there.

3. Let us study some things that Christ never put in the church.

I. CHRIST NEVER PUT HUMAN AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH.

1. He has ALL AUTHORITY. Matt. 28: 18; James 4:12

2. He is HEAD of the church. Eph. 1: 22 – 23

3. He is GOD’S SPOKESMAN to man. Heb. 1: 1 – 2; Matt. 17:5

4. This PRECLUDES men having any authority.

5. We are not to think of men above that which is written. I Cor. 4: 6

6. The authority of men makes a practice vain. Matt. 15:9

7. Christ never put POPES, BOARDS, CARDINALS, COUNCILS and SYNODS in the church.

II. HE NEVER PUT MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS OF MUSIC IN THE CHURCH.


   (1) Col. 3:16

   (2) Eph. 5:19

2. Christ never mentioned instrumental music during His life upon the earth.

3. No apostle every sanctioned its use.


5. To use instrumental music is to go beyond the doctrine of Christ. II John 9

6. Instrumental music is NOT of faith. II Cor. 5:7; Rom. 10:17
7. Instrumental music makes worship vain. Matt. 15:9

8. It is ADDING to God’s Word. Rev. 22: 18 – 19

III. CHRIST NEVER PUT HUMANLY ORGANIZED SOCIETIES IN THE CHURCH.

1. The ONLY organization the Lord has given His church is the Local congregation. Acts 14:23; Acts 20:28; I Pet. 5: 1 – 4; Phil. 1:1

2. To organize an institution separate and apart from the church, to do the work of the church, is to go beyond that which is written. II John 9; Rev. 22: 18 – 19

IV. CHRIST NEVER PUT HUMAN PRACTICES IN THE CHURCH.

1. Human substitutes for baptism:

   (1) Sprinkling

   (2) Pouring

   (3) Infant dedication

   (4) Baptism is a BURIAL. Rom. 6:3 -4; Acts 2: 38

   (5) The condition of infants: Matt. 18: 3 – 4


3. FOOT WASHING in connection with the Lord’s Supper. I Tim. 5:10

4. Substitution of WORLDLY ENTERTAINMENT for the gospel. Rom. 1:16

V. CHRIST PUT NO WORLDLY PLANS FOR RAISING MONEY IN THE CHURCH.

1. The church is NOT to go into business.

   (1) INDIVIDUALS sold their possessions and goods, and gave the money to the church. Acts 2: 44 – 45; Acts 4: 34 – 37

2. The church is NOT to put on shows, sales and suppers to raise money.

3. The church is to raise the money needed to do its work on the first day of the week by the freewill offering of the members. I Cor. 16: 1 – 2
VI. JESUS GAVE NO SPECIAL TITLES TO MEN WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL IN THE CHURCH.

1. The preacher is not to be called REVEREND. Ps. 111:9

2. The preacher is not to be called FATHER. Matt. 23:9

3. The preacher is not to be called DOCTOR. Matt. 23:8

VII. JESUS DID NOT GIVE SEVERAL PLANS OF SALVATION FOR ONE TO ENTER THE CHURCH.

1. Men have several plans:

   (1) Faith only. James 2:24

   (2) Direct operation of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 1:16

   (3) Prayer. Rom. 8:2

2. The LORD’S plan:

   (1) Faith. Rom. 10:17

   (2) Repentance. Acts 2:38

   (3) Confession. Rom. 10:10

   (4) Baptism. Mk. 16:16