

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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PART 1: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

THE NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament was written in the Greek dialect of “Koine” and there are some 2,500 manuscripts of varying lengths. For hundreds of years after Christ, theologians thought that this dialect was some kind of a “heavenly language” only used to write the New Testament. Through archeology, we know this was the common language used by the citizens of the Roman Empire. All the books in the New Testament were written before A.D. 90 and thus the New Testament writings were used in their entirety before the Roman Catholic Church founded by Emperor Constantine came into existence.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Old Testament is older and was written in Hebrew with three major versions:

1. The Old Testament was translated into Greek in Egypt between 285-246 B.C. and this became known as “The Septuagint.”
2. The “Masoretic Text” is the authoritative Hebrew and Aramaic text of the Tanakh for Rabbinic Judaism. It is not the original text of the Hebrew Bible since it was primarily copied, edited and distributed by a group of Jews known as the Masoretes between the 7th and 10th centuries A.D.

The Masoretic Text is the basis for the Old Testament translations in the King James Bible.

3. The “Dead Sea Scrolls” were found in Israel in 1947. They include fragments of every Old Testament book with the exception of Esther. These scrolls date back to approximately 175-250 B.C.

When comparing the different manuscripts of the Old and the New Testaments, we find that the King James Bible is an accurate translation.

ARCHEOLOGY SHEDS LIGHT

Through archeology we have a better understanding of these ancient languages. By comparing writings of the Romans, Egyptians, and Babylonians, etc., we can know what every word meant to the unbelievers. Therefore, we can better understand the words of the writers in our translations.

The word “church” is derived from the Greek word “eklesia,” which means a group of people. When you find this word in your Bible, it does not refer to a building, but to a group of believers. It is a misuse when church is referred to as a building.

“The Super Church of Jesus Christ,” often called “The Universal Church,” is made up of believers throughout all the ages that will participate in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. **Revelation 19:4-9**



The old term is “The Catholic Church” because “catholic” means “universal.”

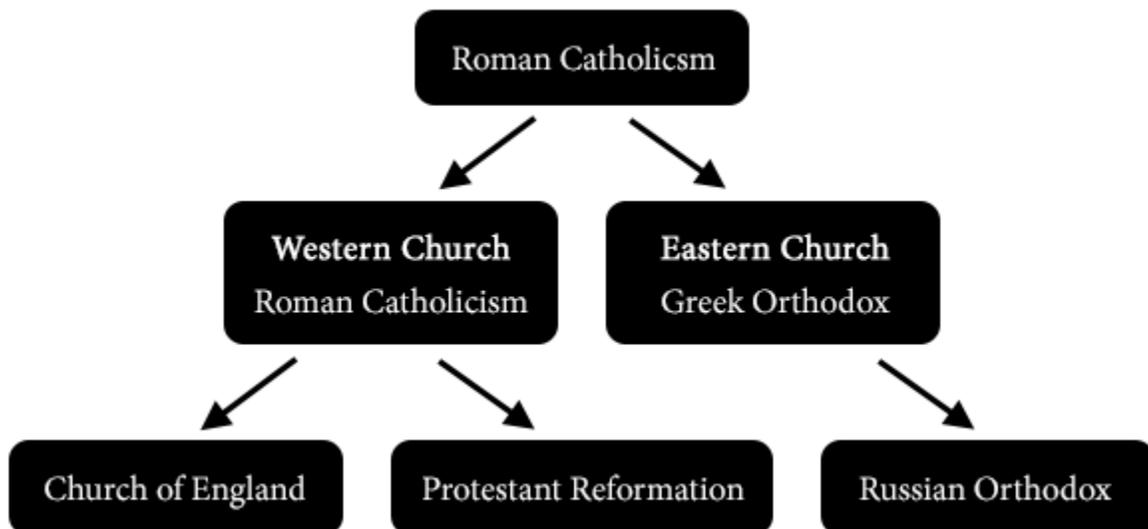
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Denominations are a product of man’s sinful nature. Many people acquainted with the Roman Catholic Church and unaware of its history become confused over the word “church” and its use in the New Testament.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Roman Catholic Church has nothing to do with the “catholic church,” as used in various creeds and confessions. Roman Catholicism dates back to 325 A.D. with Emperor Constantine, ruling the nation and the state established church. This church was split in half in 1054, creating western and eastern churches. The Greek Orthodox Church gave birth to the Russian Orthodox Church. In 1534, England separated itself from Rome, and the Church of England was formed. The biggest breakaway from the Roman Catholic Church came when Martin Luther started the Protestant reformation in 1517.



BRIDE OF JESUS CHRIST



PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
All dead people who were saved and are now in heaven.	All saved people living on earth right now.	All people who will be born and accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

It is this universal church of Jesus Christ, made up of believers through all the ages that will participate in the Marriage Feast of the Lamb. **Revelation 19:4-9**

PERSECUTION

The underling tragedy is that the Christian churches have wielded their political power and used it to kill opponents and wage war against nations since A.D. 323. Instead of leading people to Christ and seeing them born again, denominations have enslaved their members, and sought to maim and kill their enemies. It wasn't until after World War I in the 20th century that all this more or less stopped.

DEFINITIONS

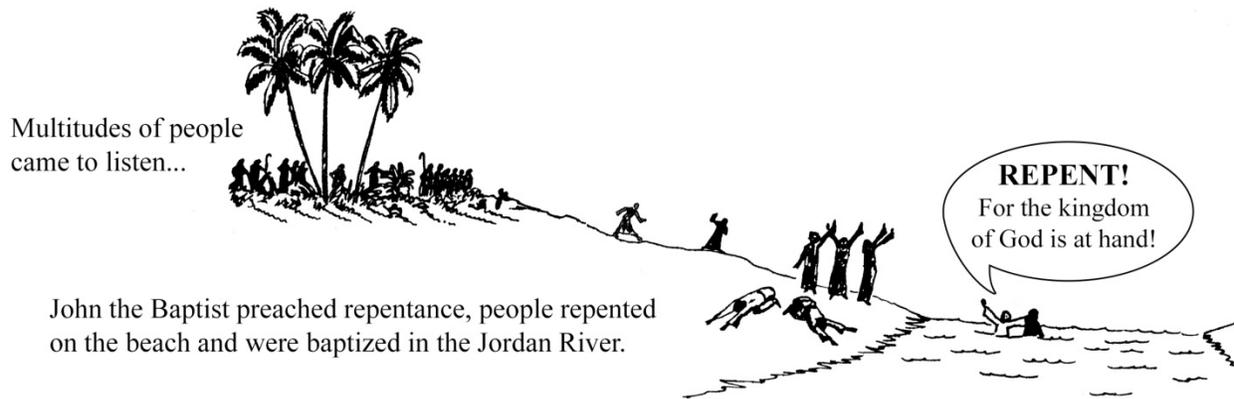
The word "saints" comes from the Greek word "hagios," meaning selected people. Every born again believer is a saint. Failure to understand the correct use of this word will hinder us from comprehending certain passages in the Bible. **Romans 1:7**

The word "holy" is derived from the same Greek word "hagios" and means being selected into holiness. We are made righteous in Christ; His holiness is our holiness. Therefore, every born-again believer is holy in the sight of God. **Romans 3:10-23**

"Baptism" is a word that has been quite misused today. It stems from the Greek word "baptismatos," meaning total submersion. This word was used in everyday language in the Roman Empire, and people used it when they wanted to say that something was

totally submerged into something else. This word is found in the following verse where the verb “buried” is used. When a person is buried he is totally covered by dirt. **Romans 6:1-4**

The word “baptize” originates from the Greek verb “baptizo,” meaning the act of totally submerging an object into something else like water.



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Taking this into account, it is necessary to determine who the Holy Spirit is? The Bible reveals that the Spirit of God was present in the world during creation. **Genesis 1:2**

God tells us that men cannot live without Him. **Genesis 6:3**

The result of being filled with the Holy Spirit. **Exodus 31:1-6**

Obedience is crucial for the Holy Spirit to continue working in a person's life. **1 Samuel 10:1-10**

Rebellion causes the Holy Spirit to leave. **1 Samuel 16:13-14**

King David knew this very well. **Psalms 51:1-12**

Jesus was born on the earth through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Luke 1:26-37**

The Holy Spirit filled the mother of John the Baptist. **Luke 1:38-41**

The Holy Spirit will lead people when He needs them to move and receive salvation. **Acts 2:37-41**

The responsibility and task of the Holy Spirit is to build the church of Jesus Christ. **John 16:13-15**

The primary task of the Holy Spirit is to draw men to the Lord, convict them of their sins, and lead them to salvation. No man can make a decision to be saved. It is the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit to convict humanity of sin and show that Jesus is the solution. **John 6:44**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?