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Since the end of the Worldwide Church of God (WCG), there have arisen numerous organizations of men all claiming to be the continuation of the one, true church of God founded by Christ. This has proven to be quite problematic for the ex-members of the WCG who tried as best they could, to find which one of these many new churches was indeed, the one, true church of God. Most are now to be found in one of these new true church which, as they see it, is the most like the WCG. Let's examine what the Bible tells us about what is God's Church and where we can find it.

Preamble

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Phi 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression “Holy Ghost” used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 [Christ] Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he **[God’s Son]** might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he **[the glorified Christ]** is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of

God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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Where is God's Church is a question that has been asked through the ages. They have always been men who wanted to be part of it to become part of God's Kingdom and be immortal.

No one wants to die and forever have their consciousness disappear. No one wants to have been part of this world for a short time and become totally forgotten as though they had never existed. Otherwise, there is no point to man's existence if this life is all there is, and just the thought that this might be so, is deeply frustrating.

Men have always sought to know who is the true God. Over the centuries in their ignorance, they have created idols, god's of gold, silver and wood made by their own hands. They have worshiped the sun, the moon and the stars. There is a desperate and unending need in men to somehow, some way, attain immortality and most will do just about anything to attain it.

Religious groups of all kinds have come into existence over the ages of man's existence claiming to have a special relationship with a god who can give man immortality. All one has to do is become part of their organization, accept their authority, support them financially and at the end of their natural physical lives this god will give them immortal life.

Men are greatly attracted to any religion which promises them that there is an afterlife; a different and unending new life that follows the death of the human body. There is an almost uncountable number of religious groups today, some of which have tens of thousands of member

and who have multi-million dollar budgets. The leaders of these organizations own lands and buildings, fleets of cars, executive jets, travel internationally, and live the life of the rich and famous.

So, how can we find which one of these churches is God's Church?

I Will Build my Church

In the book of Matthew, we read of Christ telling Peter that He, Christ, would build His church and that it would never die out.

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, {petros} and upon this rock {petra, Christ} I will build my church; and the gates of hell [the grave] shall not prevail against it.

What Christ essentially told Peter is that he, Peter, is the little rock (petros) and that He, Christ was the big rock (petra) and that upon this rock (petra), Christ will build His Church.

From this verse we can determine that there would be just one church of God. Christ said *I will build my church* not churches. This verse also tells us that Christ is the one who would do the building of His Church. It would not be done by men. And finally, Christ or God's Church would never die out no matter how troubled or chaotic the world may become or be at certain times.

Why would it never die out? In order to get part of our answer we have to examine what is being said in John 6:44.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, [Christ] except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I [Christ] will raise him up at the last day. [At the time of Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Last Great Day when God's faithful saints inherit salvation which is immortal spirit life in God's Kingdom.]

A first thing to notice here is that Christ very clearly tells us that NO MAN can come to Him unless called by the Father. This makes it plain that no man or organization of men can call men to salvation. God's New Testament Church would not come into being nor exist by the efforts of men, individually or as a group.

Why?

Being called is something ONLY God the Father can do. He is the only one along with Christ who can open up men's minds to accept spiritual

truth they had always rejected before and give them sufficient knowledge and understanding of the spiritual truth of the Bible to take them to the fork in the road. In order for them to go forward, they have to choose to go left or right; they cannot avoid choosing one or the other. Refusing to choose is having chosen death. There is no possible way to evade the choice being given. One leads unto life (accepting God's calling) and the other unto death (refusing God's calling).

Something very important for us to understand here is how God the Father calls men. God the Father is a spirit being whose existence cannot be established by men using their 5 physical senses. God the Father calls men by putting thoughts in their minds. These thoughts provide irrefutable knowledge and understanding of some of God's spiritual truths found in God's holy Bible. God the Father continues putting more thoughts in the minds of those He calls until they come to the realization that He exists and that they have to make the decision to come out of the world in which they are living and begin a new life of learning God's truth through their Bible studies and trying to apply it in their lives as best they can.

Once the called out one has made the decision to follow his calling, He becomes chosen by God and is given access to Christ who is responsible for teaching all things to God the Father's chosen ones. This is why Christ told the crowds that followed Him that no one could understand the spiritual truth contained in the parables that He spoke unless the Father calls them. When that happens, Christ then becomes responsible for continuing the instruction process began by God the Father.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

And so it is that we read that someone called the Comforter would come to the disciples and to all true Christians and teach them all things.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, [holy spirit] whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

But who is this Comforter who is a holy spirit?

Joh 14:16 And I [Christ] will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Christ knew that He was going back to His Father after having accomplished His mission and He tells His disciples that the Father would give them another Comforter who would stay with them forever. Christ was the comforter who was with them. Christ tells us that this other Comforter is also the Spirit of truth but who is the Comforter and Spirit of truth?

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye [the disciples] know him; for he [I, Christ] dwelleth with you, [as a physical human being] and shall be in you. [As the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman after my ascension to my Father.]

Christ plainly tells them and us today that He is the Spirit of truth and the Comforter that would come to the disciples and us after His ascension to His Father.

Joh 14:18 I [Christ] will not leave you [the disciples and all true Christians throughout the ages] comfortless: I will come to you.

Christ as the holy spirit God the Word is the one who will comfort the disciples and all true Christians.

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

God the Father and God the Word are in all true Christians. God the Father calls and chooses men and God the Word teaches them all things.

No man can call men to salvation and no man can teach them all things. It is all being done by the holy spirits of the Godhead, God and the Word.

So, what responsibilities do men have in the administration of God's master plan of salvation for mankind?

God's First Century Church

On the day of the first New Testament Pentecost, for the first time since the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, God the Father began calling men. This could not happen until there was a sacrifice

that really forgave sin and this sacrifice was Christ's death on the stake.

Heb10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Christ's sacrifice made it possible for those called and chosen by God the Father to be forgiven upon repentance and belief.

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

On the day of Pentecost, God's Church began with the promised Comforter, the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman, entering the disciples. Christ, after having completed His mission and having ascended to His Father was given back the glory that He had (John 17: 4-5) before having voluntarily accepted to become a man for the purpose of being God the Father's perfect sacrifice for sin (Php 2: 5-8).

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Joh 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

In the epistle to the Ephesians we learn that God's First Century Church had in it the following offices of responsibility.

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Christ gave some to be apostles (His disciples after His ascension and Paul were apostles); some prophets (God's faithful called and chosen ones (See the following study: [Who CAN Feed the Flock?](#) starting on page 14 for an explanation of who are the prophets in God's Church.); some evangelists (were appointed by the disciples who were made apostles by Christ) and pastors and teachers who were trained and appointed by the apostles.

The disciples had been personally trained by Christ for 3 1/2 years and had fresh in their minds the knowledge and understanding given them by Christ. This knowledge and understanding was absolute truth that no one could question as it had been received directly from Christ. The disciples and those they appointed as evangelists, preachers and teachers could then minister to those called and chosen by God the Father. Their teachings were not their personal understanding of the meaning of the Scriptures but that which Christ Himself gave to the disciples.

Persecution soon came upon the newly-founded Christianity; first by the Jews who had rejected Christ as being a false prophet and then by a new, great false Christian church which persecuted all those who refused to believe its doctrines. The persecutions became so intense that true Christians had to flee into the wilderness. The members of God's Church were scattered and lost touch with each other and their teachers. After the death of the apostles and the ministers trained by them, there was a gradual and progressive loss of much of the truth given the apostolic church except certain truths which stood out such as the requirement to observe the Sabbath and keep God's commandments.

The centuries of persecution that came upon truly converted Christians broke the continuity which should have existed between the First Century Church of God and those God would call and choose after the church's scattering. As a result, no man or organization of men, today has the truth Christ gave to His disciples and through them to His First Century Church. All that they have is their personal interpretation of the meaning of the Scriptures which had led to the creation of a great number of Christian churches which supposedly take their teachings from the Bible but who all have significant doctrinal differences which makes it impossible for them to unite as one church. They are all persuaded that they are the ones who have the truth that all the others should accept and join them.

So, how can we go about determining which ones of these many Christian churches, if any, is the church founded by Christ?

God's Spiritual Nation of Israel

In Old Testament times, God had a physical nation as His church. The Bible refers to it as being God's church in the wilderness.

Act 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

This was the never converted physical nation of Israel that had a priesthood of men (Aaron and his sons) and whose worship of God was through ritualistic, repetitive, physical, laborious, symbolic and ceremonial washings and offerings commanded by God. None of these things could forgive sin but in a ceremonial way.

Heb 7:11 If therefore perfection [the forgiveness of sin] were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

Heb10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

In New Testament times, God's nation of Israel is no longer a physical nation occupying a specific land.

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, [a member of God's NT nation of Israel] which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Being circumcised in the flesh does not in any way make someone a member of God's NT nation of Israel.

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, [a member of God's NT nation of Israel] which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Those who are members of God's NT nation of Israel are only those who have a changed heart or mind; one where they now want to obey God

in all things to the best of their abilities, who are following the spirit of God's law not just the letter and who are doing it to please God, not men.

Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

NT Christians are a new creature or creation.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Christians are God's workmanship; they are not the result of something men or organizations of men has made or can make possible.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1Co 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

God's NT nation of Israel is being built by God's spirit not by the might or power of men.

Zec 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Those called and chosen by God the Father are His holy nation and His royal priesthood.

1Pe2:9 But ye [NT Christians] are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, [God's holy nation] a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

They are the living stones of God's spiritual house, His holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices.

1Pe 2:5 Ye [NT Christians] also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

God's NT nation of Israel or God's Church is all those called and chosen

by the holy spirit God the Father and who are being taught all things by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman. They are God's holy nation, His spiritual house or temple, His royal and holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

What are the sacrifices they offer?

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present **your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

All these Scriptures are describing the essential nature of what is God's Church in NT times. It is no longer a physical nation with a physical priesthood offering up sacrifices to God behalf of the children of Israel.

God's NT nation of Israel is spiritual.

It is the holy spirit God the Father who calls men to salvation and it is the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who teaches them all things. The members of God's spiritual nation are those who following their calling have repented and believed. They have freely and willingly chosen to commit themselves to obey God in all things as best they can for the rest of their lives. No man or organization of men can call another man to repentance and belief. No man or organization of men can give men the correct understanding of the Scriptures.

1Co 3:5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1Co 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. **[in understanding]**

Paul was an apostle taught by Christ Himself and if any one should have been able to give understanding of the Scriptures to God's called and chosen ones, it would be him. But, he plainly states that the increase in understanding is from God.

The great number of different Christian churches in the world including the many different churches of God, is overwhelming proof of what Paul is saying in 1Co 3:7. The holy spirits of the God family are the only ones who can open the minds of men to accept spiritual truth and to correctly understand it.

1Co 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1Co 1:11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

1Co 1:12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

1Co 1:13 **Is Christ divided?** was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

The existence of the many Christian churches in the world and of the many "churches of God" is the result of men having different understandings of the meaning of the Bible which are not of God. If they were, they would all have the same understanding as Christ is not divided.

So, where is God's spiritual nation of Israel which is God's NT church founded by Christ and which was never to die out?

Where is God's Church?

As has been demonstrated, God's Church in NT times is no longer a specific nation. The Bible tells us that God's nation is made up of people from the nations of the world whom the holy spirit God the Father has called and chosen.

They live in different countries, speak different languages, for the greatest part do not know of each other's existence and they are not organized into groups headed up by a man who claims to have spiritual knowledge making him their spiritual director or that he is the source of God's truth for them.

They all have God's law written on their heart or in their minds which they use to conduct their lives. It is God's government in their lives. They are studying God's holy Bible to grow the knowledge and understanding of the spiritual truth given them at the time of their calling and they are fellowshipping with other truly converted Christians when some come to their attention. This is not something that occurs often as conversion is a changed state of mind and attitude from one of being hostile toward God to one of wanting to obey Him in all things as best they can. This change is not something others can see. Truly converted Christians to a very great extent are invisible to the unconverted world.

Individuals called and chosen from the many nations of the world and who are citizens of the different countries in which they live, when called and chosen by God, become the people of God or God's nation.

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

People from the different nations of the world do not constitute a nation. If you put people from different nations together in a room, they are not a nation; they continue to be part of their own nation. But when people from the many different nations of the world are called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father, though belonging to many different physical nations they become part of God's nation; they become part of God's spiritual nation.

God's nation is God's Church and it is composed of individuals whose attitude is to obey God. Their only mediator between them and God is Christ; not any men or organizations of men.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

And the holy Bible is their physical point of contact with the holy spirits of the Godhead, God and the Word. So, where is God's NT Church or spiritual nation of Israel?

THE ANSWER IS THAT YOU, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY THOUGH NOT PHYSICALLY TOGETHER, ARE GOD'S CHURCH.

You were called and chosen by a holy spirit being, God the Father and are being taught spiritual truth by a holy spirit being, God the Word and Spokesman. The one mediator between you and God the Father is

Christ, not any man or organization of men. No man or organization of men can call men to salvation and no man has the power to open up men's minds to understand God's spiritual truth.

God's spiritual nation is found in each and every truly converted Christian wherever they may be in the world, by themselves or in little groups. They have been called to demonstrate to God the sincerity of their commitment to obey Him in all things to the best of their abilities.

They are, along with many others since the first NT day of Pentecost, part of the New Covenant that God will make with the house of Israel. It is by entering into this New Covenant that Israel and the Gentiles can become part of God's people or spiritual nation of Israel.

The New Covenant is the means that God will use to make it possible for the physical nation of Israel to become part of His spiritual nation of Israel. Those of the physical nation of Israel who enter into the New Covenant will become part of God's spiritual nation; those who don't will lose their salvation.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jer 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

But, many will say, the New Covenant has not yet been made. How can Christians since the day of Pentecost be part of it?

What has to be understood is that the New Covenant has not yet been made **with Israel** God's physical nation but is being made with God's

spiritual nation who are all those called and chosen by God the Father since the first NT day of Pentecost. The New Covenant is how physical Israelites can become part of God's spiritual nation and it is also the only way, the Gentiles (all non-Israelites) can become part of God's spiritual nation.

God's NT spiritual nation of Israel (not the physical nation of Israel) began on the day of Pentecost. The covenant made with them is the same that will be made with physical Israel. It is the means for both physical Israel and the Gentile nations to become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel and to inherit salvation.

In Closing

The truth is often much stranger than fiction which is why it requires God intervention to make it possible for men to believe it.

The very great number of Christian churches in the world and the many so-called "churches of God" all follow a very similar organizational pattern based on their belief that there would always be men acting as apostles, evangelists, prophets, pastors and teachers in the church founded by Christ. They all see the church founded by Christ as being a physical organization of men and all of them see themselves as being the continuation of the church Christ said would never die out.

This comes from their having different and incorrect understandings of the meaning of the Bible which none are willing to change. So, they continue to exist in their great diversity of beliefs which are both incompatible with the Bible and those of other religious groups.

The truth is that there are not several true churches of God regardless of the name men use to call their religious organizations. And, this is the impossible thing to believe unless called, chosen and faithful, God's one (yes, there is only one) true church is not a physical organization of men; it is spiritual. It originated with God and the Word, it is maintained in existence by God and the Word, and it will continue until the end of this present evil world by the power of God and the Word.

It exists in, and consists of, all those called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father who are remaining faithful and who are being taught all things (the spiritual truth of God's holy Bible) by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman as they study God's holy Bible wherever they may be in the world, by themselves or in little groups.

God's church is spiritual which means IT IS NOT a physical organization of men being led by a man who appointed himself as its spiritual leader through whom God truth enters their organization.

