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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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SPIRITUAL WHORES LIKE THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian church constitutes a group of innovators. When the innovators rejected the form of sound words (2 Tim. 1:13) and followed after their own lusts they became spiritual whores (Ez. 16:20). Sadly, today many so-called churches of Christ are nothing more than spiritual whores like the Christian church, and for the same reason. In 1944 a man named Floyd Decker wrote a tract entitled “*Why I left the Christian Church.*” The portrait of harlotry he painted concerning the Christian church then is the same portrait of harlotry relative to almost every so-called church of Christ out there today. Decker wrote:

“The Christian Church has women Counselors, Directors, and Lecturers; the church of Christ does not.” Maybe not in 1944. Not so today! See: <https://secure.iwebcenters.com/websites/mcchurchofchrist1/counselling.html>.

“The Christian Church has Educational Directors, Associate Ministers and Youth Directors; the church of Christ has elders, deacons, evangelists and teachers.” Not so today! See: <http://www.milanchurch.com/8.html> for just the tip of the iceberg.

“The Christian Church has Missionary, Benevolent, and Educational Organizations to execute the work of the church; the church of Christ does not.” Can anyone say Gospel Broadcasting Network or Florida College? How about Truth Magazine?

“The Christian Church celebrates days of heathen worship, such as Easter, Mother's Day, and Christmas; the church of Christ does not.” I personally have seen Christmas Trees in the Overland Park church of Christ (KS) building. I have heard the former “preacher” there refer to Dec. 25th as Christ’s birthday. Many bring Easter and Mother’s Day into the assembly. Here is one example: http://www.legacychurchofchrist.org/home/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=292&Itemid=77.

“The Christian Church fellowships various denominations in their activities, leaving the impression that all are brethren; the church of Christ does not.” I personally have seen a “preacher” in Colorado from a so-called sound church share a pulpit with a Baptist at a funeral. Also, I cannot tell you how often I have heard “Christians” assert that there are Christians in denominations.

“The Christian Church seeks to get crowds with Youth Meetings, Campaigns for Christ, Rallies, Drives and Promotions; the church of Christ does not.” Again, maybe not in 1944. But how about today? For instance, take a look at the bulletin for the Mt. Comfort Church of Christ sometime (<http://mcchurchofchrist.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Zgu9uv-5jGY%3d&tabid=39>).

“The Christian Church emphasizes the physical man by appealing to the carnal nature – with church carnivals, bands, plays, choruses, dramatics, church kitchens, church camps, and elaborate fellowship halls; the church of Christ does not.” See: <http://www.floridacollege.edu/Camps/> and http://www.razorbacksforchrist.com/photos_crawfish_boil_09.html#.

“The Christian Church elevates its preachers above the rest of the members by using such titles as Pastor, Superintendent, President, Doctor, and Reverend; the church of Christ does not.” I know of preachers who people just love to introduce as Doctor, etc. Do not be naïve, there are all sorts of perversions relative to titles within the ranks – Head Elder, etc.

“The Christian Church takes up collections at services other than on the first day of the week, and uses unscriptural means such as suppers, property rentals, and special collections to raise money for the church; the church of Christ follows 1 Cor. 16:1-2 by having each member lay by in store on the first day of the week.” Not today. Check out the following link (look under “upcoming events”) to see a spaghetti dinner fundraiser: <http://redlandschurchofchristyouth.blogspot.com/>.

“The Christian church misuses the name "Christian" (a noun) by speaking of Christian nations, Christian schools, and the Christian Church; the church of Christ does not.” Yeah, the multitudes of “church of Christ” whores out there really speak with a biblical tongue! I’ve heard so-called Christians say the U.S. is a Christian nation so many times I am ready to puke.

“The Christian Church owns and operates publishing houses, radio stations, hospitals, and other Benevolent Societies; the churches of Christ build nothing but churches.” Not today! For just one example see: <http://church-of-christ.org/children/>.

“The Christian Church owns, supports, and operates schools for secular education, beginning with kindergartens and going all the way through theological seminaries; the church of Christ does not.” Surely churches of Christ have not become so brazen in their harlotry to have gone down this road, right? Wrong! I cite just two examples from harlot groups in the Denver-Metro Area (<http://hylandchristian.com>) (<http://www.bvbid.org/Congregation.html>).

“The Christian Church has a compromising attitude and spirit, will not defend its doctrine, is nothing but a man-made denomination, has no regard for the authority of the Bible, bases its practice on the silence of the Scriptures, and appeals to the traditions of the elders rather than the simple unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ. The Christian Church is no part of the NT church, and should not be regarded as a friend of Christ nor of the truth.” Decker’s comments are a veritable self-portrait of so many local churches of Christ today. The sad thing is that they sure don’t see a whore in the mirror!