

THE TREE OF LIFE

I am with you always, even to the end of the age. AMEN. (MATTHEW 28:20)

Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. (1 HEB 13:8)

EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Stand fast and hold the traditions you were taught whether by word of mouth or by letter. (2 THESS 2:15)

If anyone does not abide in me, He is cast out as a branch and is withered; And they gather them and throw them into the fire, And They Are Burned. (JOHN 15:6)



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM
(EPHESIANS 4:5)

The Church of the Living God the Pillar and support of the Truth (1 TIM 3:15)

The Holy Spirit will guide you (The Church) into all Truth. (JOHN 16:13)

ONE HOLY CATHOLIC (ie. Universal)
APOSTOLIC CHURCH

I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not overpower it. (MATTHEW 16:18)

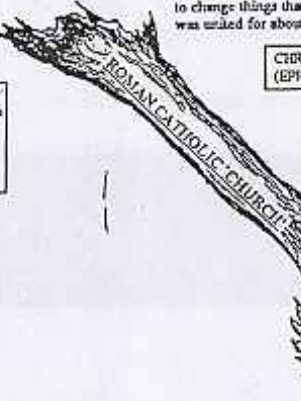
The Faith which was ONCE for all delivered to the Saints. (JUDE 3)

ARE YOU IN THE TRUE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

THE GREAT SCHISM: 1054 AD

Took place when the Bishop of Rome who is also known as THE POPE, broke off from the True Church because he wanted to be the head and started to change things that were forbidden to be changed. Prior to this, the Church was united for about 1000 years.

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH
(EPHESIANS 5:23)



THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION: 1517 A.D.

Took place when people protested to the Roman Catholic institution who had changed the True Teachings of the Church. But instead of returning to Orthodoxy, they created their own man-made churches, which continue to disagree and split among themselves because they are false and there is no Holy Spirit to guide them. Today there are over 2000 different Protestant groups!

IS CHRIST DIVIDED?
(1 CORINTHIANS 1:13)

SOME EARLY HERESIES (FALSE TEACHINGS)

- GNOSTIC (1st and 2nd Cent.)
- ASIAN (4th Cent.)
- NESTORIAN (5th Cent.)
- MONOPHYSITE (5th Cent.)
- ICONOCLAST (8th Cent.)

- LUTHERAN: 1517
- ANGLICAN: 1514
- BAPTIST: 1600
- REFORMED: 1628
- PRESBYTERIAN: 1640
- BRETHREN: 1719
- METHODIST: 1744
- CHURCH OF CHRIST: 1801
- MORMON: 1830
- 3rd DAY ADVENTIST: 1844
- CHRISTADELPHIAN: 1848
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: 1870
- SALVATION ARMY: 1878
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: 1879
- PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD: 1900
- CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE: 1908
- ARMSTRONGISM (THE PLAIN TRUTH): 1924
- ETC - ETC - ETC.

For the time will come when they will not endure Sound Doctrines but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers, and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. (2 TIM 4:3-4)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from The Faith, giving heed to Deceiving spirits and Doctrines of Demons. (1 TIM 4:1)

Twisting the Scriptures to their own destruction. (cf. 2 PETER 3:16)

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (ECUMENISM): 1948

Take heed that no one deceives you.

* All Orthodox creedal formulae, liturgical texts, and doctrinal statements affirm the claim that the Orthodox Church has preserved the original apostolic faith, which was also expressed in the common Christian tradition of the first centuries.
- Encyclopaedia Britannica, # article on Eastern Orthodoxy