

# **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.**

**God Wants us to be in fellowship with other Christians...Hebrews 10:25**

We must be “JOINED” to the disciples... Acts 9:26

Paul an example .....Philippians 4:9  
2 Thessalonians 3:9

God wants us to associate with, work and assemble with others Christians, so the church will grow...  
Ephesians 4:11-16



# God Does Not Want Us In Fellowship With Error.

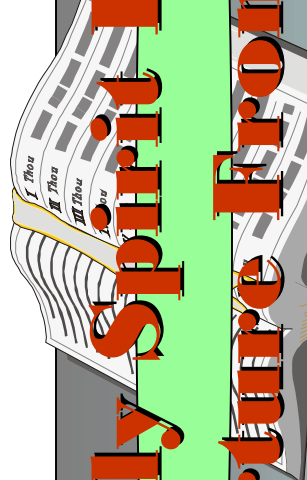
*2 Corinthians 6:14-18 ... What Fellowship with God is.*

*Matthew 7:21-23 ... Some Fellowship deceives!*

*2 John 9... Warning!!!*

*The Bible is the  
standard for  
Fellowship  
among God's  
people.*





# **The Holy Spirit Foretold** **The Departure from Authority**

*2 Thessalonians 2:3-12*

**THE FALLING AWAY**

**MAN OF SIN REVEALED**

**DID NOT RECEIVE THE  
LOVE OF THE TRUTH  
SO AS TO BE SAVED.**

*1 Timothy 4:1-4*

**THE FALLING AWAY**

**THROUGH MEN  
SPEAKING LIES**

**FORBIDDING MARRIAGE  
FORBIDDING CERTAIN  
MEATS/FOODS**

# The Departure From Authority

The rebellion against the authority of scripture came because men would not put up with sound doctrine, **2 Timothy 4:3-5**. By **52 A.D.** (only 19 years after Jesus), “the mystery of lawlessness is (was) already at work.” **2 Thessalonians 2:7**.

## TIMELINE OF HISTORY

Jesus said,  
“...upon this rock  
I shall build My  
church, and the  
gates of hell shall  
not prevail  
against it.”  
Matthew 16:18



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**THE \*TRUE CHURCH  
ESTABLISHED 33A.D.**  
\*Definition: authentic,  
original, valid, faithful,  
steadfast, staunch,  
trustworthy.

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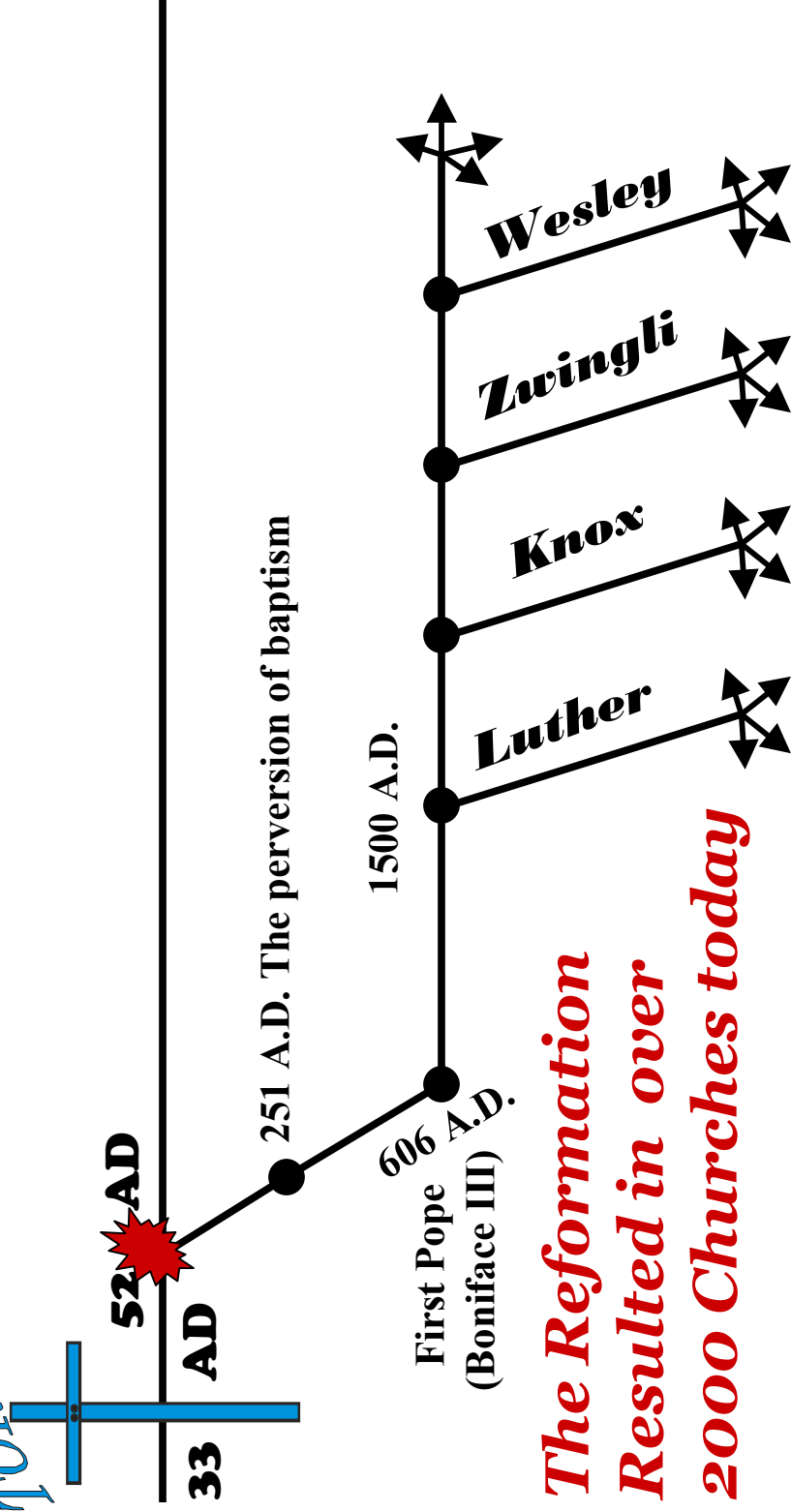
SO WHAT  
HAPPENED??



# The Protestant Reformation

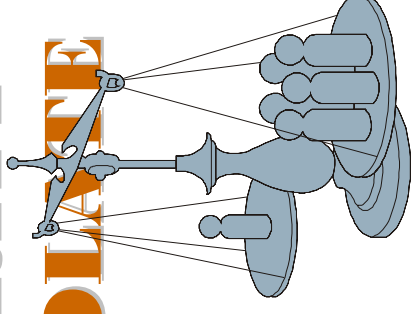
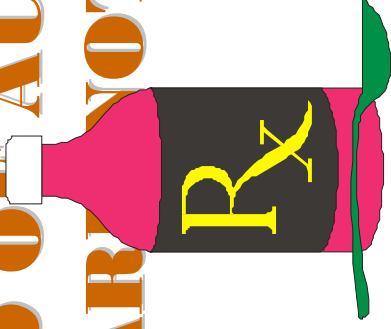
## TIMELINE OF HISTORY

THE \*TRUE (authentic, original) CHURCH established.



*The Reformation  
Resulted in over  
2000 Churches today*

# STANDARD OF AUTHORITY PEOPLE DARE NOT VIOLATE



Medical procedures, weights and measurements, laws of traffic and safety, building codes, etc., stop confusion and create one mind among the people. HE WHO BREAKS THESE CODES, LAWS AND PROCEDURES CREATES CONFUSION AND DEATH!

Using the Bible as the standard of authority, a local church was of “one mind” and of “one faith.” (1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Romans 15:5-6). THE BIBLE is God's codification of procedures, morals, AND IS THE LAW for UNITY. (1 Corinthians 4:6;14:37; 2 Corinthians 10: 8-11; 1 Timothy 3:14-15)

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**As a bible believer  
which can you believe?**

**2**  
Gods the Father  
Lords  
Spirits  
Hopes  
Baptisms  
Faiths  
Bodies (churches)

**1**  
God the Father  
Lord  
Spirit  
Hope  
Baptism  
Faith  
Church

***Which is truth?***

***Ephesians 4:4-6***

# **IF YOU COULD KNOW FOR SURE!**

BECAUSE JESUS SAID THE GATES OF HELL WOULD NOT PREVAIL AGAINST HIS CHURCH (Matthew 16:18), WE KNOW IT STILL EXISTS.

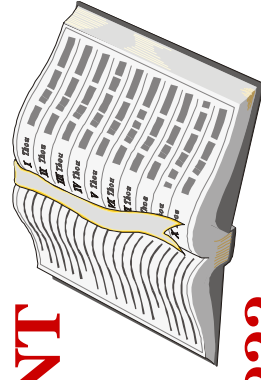
IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO FIND THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH WITHOUT ANY DOUBT WHATSOEVER, NOT DEPENDING ON ME OR ANY OTHER PERSON...

**IF YOU COULD KNOW FOR SURE...**

**WOULD YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THAT CHURCH?**

**WE NEED AN INFALLIBLE,  
“SUREFIRE” DESCRIPTION  
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT  
CHURCH...**

**WHERE DO WE FIND IT???**



# What is your attitude toward truth?

1. You must not be offended by truth. John 6:60-66; 8:39f; Galatians 4:16

2. A fool is offended by truth. Proverbs 9:7f; 23:23

3. A good attitude is hard to keep. Matthew 10:34-39

4. Accepting truth requires a knowledge of truth. John 6:44-45 & 63; Matthew 22:29

5. We cannot be sure of our feelings, and hence need to know factual truth. 1 John 5:13; Luke 18:11; Acts 23:1; Hosea 4:6

6. ONLY JESUS HAS "WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE"  
John 6:67-68

