

### ***Unfamiliar Bible Words: Church (3)***

In this last article on the word *church*, let's consider the question "Why are there many different kinds of churches?"

Paul preached the same word *everywhere in every church* (1 Cor. 4:17). Is the same message taught everywhere today? No. There are many different kinds of teachings, and that is why there are many different kinds of churches. Is God pleased with this? Paul said "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8). God gave one message and any change to that message must be rejected. Do any churches today change the original message? If they do, God rejects them and their message. It is not true that "one church is as good as another."

Study the Bible to learn the truth and to know whether churches today teach His word. Do they teach that we choose sin or inherit sin (Jam. 1:14-16; Ezek. 18:20), we are saved by faith or by faith only (Jam. 2:19-26), baptism does or does not save (1 Peter 3:21)? Study the Bible to learn whether you, other individuals, and various modern churches have God's approval (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Jn. 4:1). **QVCOC.com**