

Does Jesus Only Accept Flawless Churches?

Scripture reveals Christ's expectations for His churches, but does that mean He only accepts a sinless church? No, see Revelation 2-3. He was longsuffering with churches who began in, but strayed from, the truth. He gave opportunities for them to learn and repent of their sin, as He does with individuals. But no church is *of Christ* who persists in words and deeds that are not *of Christ*, even when warned of them.

Churches who do not teach the role God gave faith, repentance, confession, and baptism are not Christ's at all.

Churches who view longstanding tradition as a source of truth must repent. This is how Easter became a "holy day."

Churches who claim the Old Covenant is binding must repent. People who bind the Sabbath must repent (Col. 2:16).

Churches who include parties, sports, etc. in their work must repent. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. Recreation does not equip the saints, nor is it ministry. Recreation belongs to the home (or to man-made churches) but not Christ's churches.

We offer these words in an effort to preach Christ by warning and teaching (Col. 1:28). We seek to speak and do the truth in true love. Is any of this untrue? Write and tell us.