

What is the Church of Christ?

The Church of Christ, originating from the 19th-century Restoration movement in America, is characterized by specific doctrinal beliefs and practices including: belief in the Trinity, Christ as Messiah, baptism by immersion, and weekly observance of the Lord's Supper[1][2]. Some Church of Christ congregations eschew musical instruments preferring instead use of a cappella singing in worship[1][2]. There is significant variation within the Church of Christ, with some churches being more evangelical in outlook[1]. Church of Christ members have been criticized for cult-like behavior for referring to themselves as the "one true church." [2][3] Historically, the Church of Christ had aimed to be non-denominational, although sociologists and historians often categorize it as a denomination[4][5].

The Church of Christ emphasizes individual Bible study, autonomous congregations, and community involvement.

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[5] Henley, R. T. (1978). Is a Denomination Emerging from the Church of Christ? In T. B. Warren & G. Elkins (Eds.), God Demands Doctrinal Preaching (p. 299). National Christian Press, Inc.