

If Walter Scott's purported "practical restoration" of the "Ancient Gospel" in 1827 was the first instance in "modern times" of the administration of baptism for the proper purpose then this nullifies the validity of the baptisms of the earliest of the "Disciples." Thomas and Alexander Campbell, with their families, had been baptized in 1812 by Matthias Luce, a Baptist preacher. The Campbells, Walter Scott and Barton Stone (founding Fathers of the CC) never received another immersion after "discovering" the "Ancient Gospel." **What will be their eternal destiny** based upon the Church of Christ (Campbellite) position of the necessity of CC baptism for the proper purpose (i.e., remission of sin)? If Walter Scott restored the gospel to the world, were he and the "Early Disciples Scott and Stone" saved in light of the gospel they professed to have restored? Matthias Luce did not baptize to remit sins but because sins had *already been remitted* based upon repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ [Acts 20:28]. That was the understanding these men had when they were baptized. The CC teaches that salvation (remission of sins) is null and void with such a baptism. Therefore, the Campbells, Scott and Stone should be in Hell today because they had a false baptism. The church that they established should be NULL and VOID also. The Church of Christ (Cambellism) with its doctrine of baptismal remission based upon Acts 2:38, is a contradiction to the experience of the very men who founded that church! (*Acts 2:38 and Baptismal Remission*, B. Ross, Pilgrim Publications, 1976, pp. 9-11).

4. The Church of Christ is Roman Catholic in character. Both churches teach the same doctrines as follows:

- All Christians can lose eternal life after they get it.
 - All sinners have to be regenerated by water (false doctrine of baptismal remission of sin).
 - No Christian has absolute assurance of salvation until after he dies.
 - Jesus Christ is NOT coming back to earth to reign on David's throne in Jerusalem [Luke 1:31-33].
 - There is no salvation outside of the "Church of Christ," which is their church (CC & RCC).
 - Israel is never going to be restored literally (and politically) to her own land, and inherit the literal promises given her throughout Old Testament Scriptures. *Both try to usurp Christ's Kingship as Satan did in Isaiah 14.*
 - Christ's Blood is in the baptismal water (CC), while the RCC says it is in the Mass; both teaching a false gospel. *NO! it is on the altar in Heaven!* [Hebrews 9:11-12, 10:19] *and IT ONLY cleanses from sin* [Rev. 1:5].
- "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."* [Galatians 1:8]
- "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."* [II Corinthians 11:14, 16] CSW

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DEAR CHURCH OF CHRIST MEMBER – PLEASE CONSIDER



You owe it to yourself to examine whether the Church of Christ is what it claims to be – the 'Restorer' of the 'Ancient Gospel' or a religious sect deeply mired in heretical doctrines, as outlined in the following points:

1. Because there is NO assurance of eternal salvation in The Church of Christ (CC).

In a discussion with a CC elder a Baptist preacher (BP) asked, "What is the gospel of Christ according to you?" CC Ans., "A sinner must repent, believe, confess, and be BupTIZED!" BP-"That will save me?" CC-"Yes! That is the Gospel of Christ!" BP-"Well, have you repented?" CC-"Certainly!" BP-"Have YOU believed and confessed?" CC-"Of course I have! I have been preaching twenty-two years!" BP-"Have you been BupTIZED?" CC-"Of course!" BP-"ARE YOU SAVED?" CC-"Well, I hope so!"

BP comments – Imagine it! A preacher, professing to be called into the ministry, preaching "the Gospel for twenty-two years, and telling sinners how to get "saved," when he didn't know that he himself was saved, although *he had put into PRACTICE EVERYTHING HE PREACHED!* "The Gospel

of Christ” didn’t save him, but he recommended it to ME! Imagine anyone (saved or lost) gullible enough to put money into a collection plate in church to pay the salary of any “minister” so he could tell them how to get to Heaven, when he himself didn’t know whether he was going to make it or not! They pay an “elder” to tell them how to get to Heaven when they die, and he doesn’t know how to get there. That’s a hopeless “gospel.”

Another discourse between a BP and a CC. BP-“I have eternal life. I know that I know I am saved.” CC-“No one can know for sure that they are saved till they’ve died.” BP-“Well I know that I am saved, according to 1 John 5:13.”

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

CC-“No one can know that now.” BP-“Are you calling me a liar?” CC-“My pastor told me that no one could be sure of it in this life.” BP-“Well, did you ever stop to consider that I might have more sense than your pastor?” CC-“Well, I still believe that no one can know for sure where they are going when they die.” BP-“Paul knew, Peter knew, John knew, Christ knew. How come YOU don’t know?” CC-“Nobody can be sure of getting to Heaven!” BP-“What do you mean “getting?” I am already in Heaven *right now!* (Ephesians 2:4-6) *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us*

sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. CC-“Why, that’s ridiculous! I’m looking right at you. You are here on the ground!” BP-“You mean my BODY is here on the ground? I am ‘**one spirit**’ with Jesus Christ [1 Cor. 6:7]; *But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit., and I am with Him in Heaven, right now, spiritually* [John 3:13]; *And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.* CC-“That may be Scripture, but you still can’t tell me that...”

Comment – *But the natural (unsaved) man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* [1 Corinthians 2:14]

2. The CC teaches that baptism is necessary for salvation using the word “for” in Acts 2:38, as meaning ‘in order to.’

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The word translated “for” is found 1700 times in the N.T. It has many other meanings than ‘in order to’ or ‘to obtain,’ which the CC insists upon. It can mean Direction (into, unto, to), Position (in among, upon), Relation (as, for, against, in respect to), Cause (because of) or Purpose (for the purpose of). To base your church upon a word with so many different meanings is dangerous. In Acts 10:43/11:14-15 Peter preaches the gospel; the Holy Ghost fell on them which heard the word and they were saved. After that they were baptized [10:47]. Peter relates this event right back to Pentecost and Acts 2:41. Paul the Apostle

preached the gospel across the then known world and wrote to the church at Corinth...” *I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel:...For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.” [I Cor. 1:14, 17a,b, 18]. In I Cor. 15:1-4 he states what the gospel is, and that salvation is based upon believing it. *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again on the third day according to the scriptures.”* Baptism is not mentioned by the Holy Ghost speaking through Paul [II Peter 1:20-21] because He did not consider it necessary for salvation. It is faith in the shed Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God that cleanses YOUR sin personally [Romans 3:23-25]. If you are saved God wants you to be baptized as a figure or picture of your being saved by *“repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”* [Acts 20:21pt.]. *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God...For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”* [Rom. 10:17; Ephesians 2:8,9]. So, in Acts 2:38 “for” is looking back to the remission of sins received upon saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the same pattern shown in Acts 16:31, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”* After believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and being saved, the Philippian jailor and his household were baptized [vv. 32-33]. Saved first; then baptized!*

3. The Dilemma of the Church of Christ