

Night 15

The Disintegration of Christianity

"There is but one inquiry to be made, namely, which is the true church... By solving this one question... you will at once solve every question of religious controversy that has ever been or that ever can be agitated" —*The End of Religious Controversy, p. 95*.

Christ is the foundation of the true church:

- 1. Isaiah 28:16
- 2. Psalm 118:22
- 3. Matthew 21:33-44
- 4. 1 Peter 2:5-7
- 5. Acts 4:8-12
- 6. Ephesians 2:20-21
- 7. 1 Corinthians 3:11

"The Church has always had a strong sense of its own authority... Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. 'The Day of the Lord' (*dies Dominica*) was chosen, not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power.... People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become Seventh-day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy" —SENTINEL, St. Catherine Catholic Church, Algonac, MI (May 21, 1995).

"The challenge issued by Rome over 100 years ago remains: Either the Catholic Church is right, or the Seventh-day Adventists are right. There can be no other choice" —A Note From the Editors of Mary OnLine.

Identifying marks of the true church:

- 1. Teaches truth (1 Timothy 3:16)
- 2. After 1798 (Revelation 12:6, 14)
- 3. Like the original (the Remnant) (Revelation 12:17)
 - a. Adventist (John 14:1-3; Titus 2:13)
 - b. Baptism by immersion (Ephesians 4:4-5; Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:35-39)
 - c. Keeps the Sabbath holy (Luke 4:16; Acts 13:42-44; 17:2; 18:4, 11)
 - d. Teaches that death is like a sleep (John 11:11; Luke 8:51–53)
- 4. Keeps all the commandments (Revelation 12:17)

- 5. Has the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 12:17; 19:10)
- 6. Worldwide church (Matthew 28:19-20)
- 7. Proclaims the Three Angels Messages to the world (Revelation 14:6–12)
- 8. Teaches Bible principles of good health (Revelation 14:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, 10:31)

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17).



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