

Intro: Last week we learned some important facts when comparing the teaching on “salvation” from the 12 major religions of the world.

1. Eleven of the twelve \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Christianity was the only religion where \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When compared, the nature of salvation in Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Miscellaneous Questions

1. Explain congregational autonomy

- Many churches are organized using various models:

- A. Roman Catholic church \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- B. Protestant churches \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. Evangelical churches \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. Sectarian churches \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- I've explained the “core” beliefs of the Church of Christ that make us different:

1. We believe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. We believe that we should be trying to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Historically, the effort to use strictly New Testament organization, teaching, and practice has been referred to as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

According to the New Testament, a Christian church was made up of \_\_\_\_\_

- Acts 2:47 \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephesians 4:11-12; I Timothy 3:1-13; Acts 20:17-35 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

There were specific “offices” or “roles” of leadership:

A. Apostles \_\_\_\_\_

B. Prophets \_\_\_\_\_

C. Elders / Presbyters \_\_\_\_\_

Pastors / Shepherds \_\_\_\_\_

Bishops / Overseers \_\_\_\_\_

D. Evangelists / Preachers \_\_\_\_\_

E. Deacons \_\_\_\_\_

F. Saints \_\_\_\_\_

The New Testament replaced the work of Apostles and Prophets. \_\_\_\_\_

In the New Testament church, each congregation was autonomous and led by its own set of local leaders. \_\_\_\_\_

When we piece together the picture of the early New Testament church, here is what we see:

- Churches \_\_\_\_\_

- Each congregation \_\_\_\_\_

- Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists \_\_\_\_\_

This model stayed in place until 300-400 AD \_\_\_\_\_

Churches of Christ have over 20,000 congregations throughout the world.