

Why I Left the Christian Church

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In 1930, Floyd Decker heard J. Petty Ezell preach on the differences between the Christian Church and the church you can read about in the Bible. Moved by a love for the truth, Floyd Decker left the Christian Church. In 1944, he wrote an article titled "Why I Left The Christian Church." It was first published in a paper called, UNITY FORUM." In his article brother Decker mentioned the following thirteen reasons for breaking ties with the Christian Church.

1. The Christian Church has women counsellors, Directors and Lecturers; the church of Christ does not (1 Tim. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 14:34).
2. The Christian Church has Educational Directors, Associate Ministers and Youth Directors; the church of Christ has elders, deacons, evangelists and teachers (Eph. 4:11; Phil. 1:1).
3. The Christian Church has Missionary, Benevolent and Educational Organizations to execute the work of the church; the church of Christ does not (Eph. 4:4; Eph. 3:10, 21).
4. The Christian Church celebrates days of heathen worship, such as Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas; the church of Christ does not (Gal. 4:10).
5. The Christian Church fellowships various denominations in their activities, leaving the impression that all are brethren; the church of Christ does not (2 John 9-11; Gal. 1:6-10).
6. The Christian Church seeks to get crowds with Youth Meetings, Campaigns for Christ, Rallies, Drives and Promotions; the church of Christ does not (Rom. 1:16; Rev. 22:18-19).
7. The Christian Church emphasizes society and the physical man by appealing to the carnal nature with church carnivals, bands, plays, choruses, dramatics, church kitchens, church camps, and elaborate fellowship halls; the church of Christ does not (1 Cor. 10:7; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 11:22, 34).
8. The Christian Church elevates its preachers above the rest of the members by using such titles as Pastor, Superintendent, President and Doctor; the church of Christ does not (Matt. 23:5-12).
9. The Christian Church misuses the name "Christian," which is a noun, by speaking of "Christian nations," "Christian schools," and "Christian Churches." The church of Christ does not (Acts 11:26).
10. The Christian Church takes up collections at services other than on the first day of the week, and uses unscriptural means such as suppers, property rentals and special collections to raise money for the church; the church of Christ does not (1 Cor. 16:1- 2).
11. The Christian Church owns and operates Publishing Houses, Radio Stations, Hospitals, and other Benevolent Societies; churches of Christ build nothing but churches (Eph. 3:21)
12. The Christian Church owns, supports and operates schools for secular education, through theological schools; the church of Christ does not (1 Tim. 3:15).
13. The Christian Church has a compromising spirit, will not defend its doctrines, is nothing but a man-made denomination, has no regard for the authority of the Bible, bases its practice on the silence of the Scriptures, and appeals to the traditions of the elders rather than go to the simple unadulterated gospel of Christ. The Christian Church is not a part of the New Testament church and should not be regarded as a friend of Christ nor of the truth.