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## TEN MARKS IDENTIFYING THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

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1. It must be the divine institution founded by Christ. Matt. 16:18, Acts 2:47.
2. It must have begun at the right place: on the first Pentecost after Christ's resurrection. Acts 2:1, 41.
3. It must have begun at the right place: Jerusalem under Jewish leadership. Isa. 2:1-3, Luke 24:47.
4. It must stand on the right foundation: Christ. I Cor. 3:11, Eph. 2:20.
5. It must have deacons and a plurality of elders. Philip. 1:1.
6. It must be a spiritual house. I Cor. 3:9, I Pet. 2:5.
7. It must wear a New Testament name, Church of God. Acts 20:28. Churches of Christ. Rom. 16:16.
8. It must be composed of all Christians united in one body. Eph. 4:4.
9. Members of a divine institution should wear the divinely appointed name: Christians. Isa. 62:2, Acts 11:26. This name with no additions has never been changed by divine authority. Acts 4:12.
10. Christ is the glorified head of the Church which is His body. Eph. 1:22, 23. Col. 1:18.

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