

WHICH GROUP?

SECTION SUMMARY – WHICH GROUP



SUMMARY: Since the New Testament was written, a long period generally called the Apostasy happened where church teachings progressively became different from New Testament teachings. A period called the Reformation then happened where attempts were made to reform the church teaching back closer to what the New Testament teaches. Several resulting religious groups are compared to the New Testament teachings. The Church of Christ which attempts to restore all the way back to the New Testament teachings is briefly compared in this section and discussed in the next section.

This section follows the first section “IF GOD” which concludes that there must be a supernatural force or a god and the second section “WHICH GOD” which concludes that Jehovah is the only reasonable choice to be understood as God.

In the scoring system used to try to make an objective decision of who is God, it recognizes that Christianity, Islam, and Mormonism all trace their roots back through Abraham to Jehovah. The Patriarchal system is a description of the world before Judaism. It is described in the Old Testament as coming from Jehovah, and obviously Judaism worships Jehovah. As near as we can locate, the other significant religions of the world do not functionally even have a god other than Taoism.

The conclusion of this section is that Christianity is the correct path to worship God today. The Patriarchal and Jewish Dispensations were once correct, but are no longer valid.

Given that Christianity is correct, there are literally hundreds of groups professing to follow Christianity, many teaching opposing beliefs and many don't even pretend to follow God's word as revealed in the New Testament. They have “obsoleted” Biblical teachings by the decisions of their leaders and votes of their organizations.

This section presumes that the Bible is the word of God, is the only word of God we have, and God is serious about what it says. Lessons in this section describe how over time religious organizations moved further from the word of God through various apostacies and hen have moved closer back to God's word through the Reformation movement. Attempting to move all the way back to God's word through the Restoration movement, which will be discussed in the next section.

After that part of the discussion, there are lessons discussing the Biblical description of the church and an objective comparison of various groups with those descriptions.