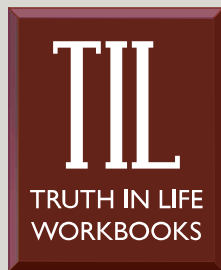
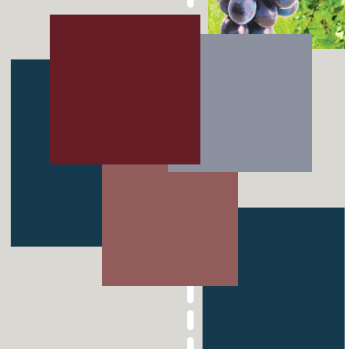


# The New Testament Church

By Roy E. Cogdill



TM

# The New Testament Church

By Roy E. Cogdill





© **Truth Publications, Inc. 2017.** All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any form without written permission from the publisher. Printed in the United States of America.

ISBN 10: 1-58427-081-0

ISBN 13: 978-1-58427-081-2

**Truth Publications, Inc.  
CEI Bookstore  
220 S. Marion St., Athens, AL 35611  
855-492-6657  
sales@truthpublications.com  
www.truthbooks.com**

# Table of Contents

Foreword . . . . .	5
Preface . . . . .	6
Suggestions to Teacher and Student . . . . .	7
<b>PART ONE: The Nature of the Church . . . . .</b>	<b>9</b>
Lesson 1 The Called Out Body . . . . .	10
Lesson 2 The Household of God . . . . .	12
Lesson 3 The Kingdom of God . . . . .	14
Lesson 4 The Body of Christ . . . . .	16
Lesson 5 The Temple of God . . . . .	18
Lesson 6 The Vineyard of the Lord . . . . .	20
<b>PART TWO: The Origin of the Church . . . . .</b>	<b>23</b>
Lesson 7 The Origin of the Church . . . . .	24
Lesson 8 The Authority of the Church . . . . .	27
Lesson 9 Use of Old Testament Scriptures . . . . .	29
<b>PART THREE: The Mission of the Church . . . . .</b>	<b>31</b>
Lesson 10 Evangelism . . . . .	32
Lesson 11 Personal Evangelism . . . . .	34
Lesson 12 Edification . . . . .	36
Lesson 13 Ministry to the Poor . . . . .	38
<b>PART FOUR: Church Membership . . . . .</b>	<b>41</b>
Lesson 14 The Grandeur and Glory of the Church . . . . .	42
Lesson 15 What Membership Means . . . . .	44
Lesson 16 Membership—Its Responsibilities . . . . .	46
Lesson 17 Salvation and Church Membership . . . . .	48
Lesson 18 How to Become a Member . . . . .	50
<b>PART FIVE: Church Government . . . . .</b>	<b>53</b>
Lesson 19 The Organization of the Church . . . . .	54
Lesson 20 The Eldership . . . . .	56
Lesson 21 Deacons . . . . .	58
Lesson 22 Evangelists . . . . .	60

<b>PART SIX:</b>	<b>Unity</b> .....	<b>63</b>
Lesson 23	The Importance of Unity .....	.64
Lesson 24	The Udenominational Character of the Church .....	.66
Lesson 25	The Sin of Division .....	.68
Lesson 26	God's Plan for Unity .....	.70
Lesson 27	Unity, An Individual Obligation .....	.72
<b>PART SEVEN:</b>	<b>The Identity of the Church</b> .....	<b>75</b>
Lesson 28	The Identity of the Church .....	.76
Lesson 29	A Scriptural Name .....	.79
Lesson 30	Scriptural Worship .....	.82
Lesson 31	Scriptural Teaching (1) .....	.84
Lesson 32	Scriptural Teaching (2) .....	.87
Lesson 33	The Purity of the Church .....	.89
Lesson 34	The Church and Worldliness .....	.91
Lesson 35	The Discipline of the Church .....	.93
<b>PART EIGHT:</b>	<b>The Worship of the Church</b> .....	<b>.97</b>
Lesson 36	The Lord's Day .....	.98
Lesson 37	The Lord's Supper .....	.101
Lesson 38	Music in the Worship .....	.103
Lesson 39	Instrumental Music .....	.106
Lesson 40	Church Finances (1) .....	.110
Lesson 41	Church Finances (2) .....	.112
Lesson 42	Church Finances (3) .....	.114
<b>PART NINE:</b>	<b>Churches of the New Testament Era</b> .....	<b>.117</b>
Lesson 43	The Church at Jerusalem .....	.118
Lesson 44	The Church at Antioch .....	.120
Lesson 45	The Corinthian Church .....	.122
Lesson 46	The Church at Philippi .....	.124
Lesson 47	The Church at Ephesus .....	.126
Lesson 48	The Church at Thessalonica .....	.129
Lesson 49	The Church at Rome .....	.132
Lesson 50	A Study of the Seven Churches of Asia (1) .....	.134
Lesson 51	A Study of the Seven Churches of Asia (2) .....	.138
Lesson 52	A Study of the Seven Churches of Asia (3) .....	.141
Credits .....		.145

## Foreword

It is, of course, impossible to work over and refine such a series of lessons thoroughly enough to eliminate all the mistakes either in material or form. These lessons have been taught both by the author and others and many errors eliminated by their use. As they are used further other mistakes will be discovered. Teachers using these outlines are asked to watch for errors and call them to the attention of the publishers that they may be avoided in succeeding issues.

It is with the earnest hope and fervent prayer that they may help in the spreading “by the Church the manifold wisdom of God” (Eph. 3:10) that these lessons and outlines on “The New Testament Church” are introduced.

THE AUTHOR R. E. C.

## Preface

Outlines and study series are nothing new. Many have appeared, and many have vanished because of their lack of usability. The outlines on “The New Testament Church” that appear on the following pages of this book are the results of careful and prayerful study with the purpose in mind to develop a series of lessons that would be practical and usable. They are offered in the hope that others will find them such a work.

In many of the lesson helps which have been so widely relied upon in the past, there is not the close use and dependence upon the Bible itself that there should be in such work. Instead of having the tendency to familiarize the student with the texts of the Bible itself there is the inclination to rely entirely upon the lesson helps and they are frequently studied without recourse to the scriptures themselves. The lessons in this series have been arranged with this need in mind, and the student or teacher will find it impossible either to prepare or recite the lessons taught by these outlines without going to the Bible to search out the truths and passages that teach the lessons implied. It is a firm conviction that such should be the case and that at all times the Bible itself should be the text and our reliance placed entirely upon it. This book of outlines should serve as but a guidebook with the Bible as the text.

The Churches of Christ have steadily progressed in spite of ridicule and opposition until they have reached a plane of dignity and respectability in the world. They are now confronted with the danger of accepting their place among the religious bodies of the world and becoming merely ANOTHER DENOMINATION. It is quite commonly a subject of discussion that there is but little difference between the Church of Christ and other religious bodies. The purpose, prayer, and aim in the preparation and development of these lessons have been to make the distinctive position occupied by the Church of Christ outstanding and easily discernible. Members, both young and old, need to know the difference between the Church and denominationalism. Indoctrination along this line is imperative if the members of the Churches of Christ are to remain “a people for God’s own possession” (1 Pet. 2:9).



## Suggestions to Teacher and Student

Let the Bible be your text and these outlines serve only as a guide in the study of the Bible. Supply yourself with a good Bible.

Keep your Bible at hand not only during the study and preparation of these lessons but also in the recitation period.

Make it a point to cover one lesson each class period. There are fifty-two outlines, one for each week of the year, and in a class that meets weekly, better results will be obtained if too much time is not spent on any one point but the lesson studied as a whole. Many of the questions that arise for discussion during recitation will be dealt with in subsequent lessons or a subsequent part of the same lesson. General discussion can best be invited after the lesson is first covered entirely.

The lessons are not burdened with questions for discussion. It has been an aim of this work to avoid stereotyped recitation. The questions that follow the lessons are for the purpose of helping to prepare the lesson as much as for class discussion.

If the teacher will urge the students to bring their Bibles to class and, during the class period, will have the passages which are cited read aloud, the best impressions will be made and the lesson will proceed more easily. Too, this will do much toward familiarizing the student with the text of the Bible, which today is very much needed. Many of the passages cited can be assigned at the beginning of the lesson and looked up beforehand and then at the proper time used to establish and emphasize the point at hand.

The greatest advantage will come from emphasizing what the Bible says on the point rather than permitting a free expression of opinions with reference to it.



## Part One: The Nature of the Church

**INTRODUCTION.** Many descriptive phrases are applied to the Church in the New Testament scriptures. These phrases give emphasis to various features of the Church and set forth its nature. The first six lessons of this series concern these descriptive phrases applied to the Church and therefore constitute a study of The Nature of the Church. They should be studied with this idea in mind.

- LESSON 1 \_\_\_\_\_ THE CALLED OUT BODY  
LESSON 2 \_\_\_\_\_ THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD  
LESSON 3 \_\_\_\_\_ THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
LESSON 4 \_\_\_\_\_ THE BODY OF CHRIST  
LESSON 5 \_\_\_\_\_ THE TEMPLE OF GOD  
LESSON 6 \_\_\_\_\_ THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD