**Mixed Seed**

***(Why Are There So Many Churches?)***

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**The Church Jesus Died To Save**

* The Right Founder – Jesus (Jer. 23:5-6; Mal. 3:1-3; Mt. 16:18)
* The Right Place – Jerusalem (Is. 2:1-2; Mk. 9:1; Acts 1:9-12; 2:1-5, 47)
* The Right Time – Day of Pentecost in 1st century (Dan. 2:44; Acts 2; 11:15; Gal. 4:4)
* The Right Foundation & Doctrine – Jesus Christ and His Word (Is. 28:16; I Cor. 3:10-11; John 14:26; 16:13; II Tim. 3:16-17;

II Pet. 1:19-21)

* The Right Name – Church(es) of Christ (Rom. 16:16); church of God (Acts 20:28); church of

the Living God (I Tim. 3:15); church of the firstborn (Heb. 12:23)

– Christians (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; I Pet. 4:16)

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| ***Jesus Christ*** | ***Jerusalem*** | ***Pentecost (1st c. AD)*** | ***Teachings of Jesus Christ (N.T.)*** | ***Church of Christ*** |
| Pope Boniface III | Rome, Italy | AD 607 | Catholic Catechism & Apostle’s, Nicene & Athanasian Creeds | Catholic Church |
| Muhammad | Mecca, Saudi Arabia | AD 610 | Koran (Others) | Islam |
| Great Schism | Constantinople, Turkey  Rome, Italy | 1054 | Catholic Catechism & Apostle’s, Nicene & Athanasian Creeds | Eastern Orthodox Church  &  Roman Catholic Church |
| Martin Luther | Germany | 1517/1526/1546 | Augsburg Confessions (1530) & Book of Concord (1580) | Lutheran Church (Lutherans) |

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| King Henry VIII | England | 1534 | Book of Common Prayer, Catholic Creeds & Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion | Church of England |
| John Calvin | Geneva, Switzerland | 1536 | His own teachings | Calvinism (Calvinists) |
| John Knox | Geneva & Scotland | 1560 | Book of Common Prayer & Calvinism | Presbyterians |
| John Smyth | Holland | 1609 | Baptist’s Manual | Baptist Church |
| John Wesley | England | 1739 | The Book of Discipline | Methodist Church |
| King Henry VIII/Samuel Seabury | U.S.A. | 1783 | Book of Common Prayer, Catholic Creeds & Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion (Tailored to USA), Communion Offices by Seabury | Episcopal Church |
| Joseph Smith | U.S.A. | 1830 | Book of Mormon (Others) | Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) |
| Ellen G. White | U.S.A. | 1844-1863 | The Great Controversy (Others) | Seventh Day Adventists |
| William Booth | U.S.A. | 1865 | *Helps to Holiness* by Samuel Logan Brengle (1896) and the Salvation Army’s Eleven Doctrines | Salvation Army |
| Charles Taze Russell | U.S.A. | 1870 | The Watchtower Society | Jehovah’s Witnesses |
| Mary Baker Eddy | U.S.A. | 1875 | *Science and Health* (1875) | Christian Scientists |
| Charles Parham | U.S.A. | 1901 | Assemblies of God Statement of Fundamental Truths (Direct operation of Holy Spirit) | Pentecostals (Many Variations: Assemblies of God (Church of God)  Church of the Nazarene |
| Aimee Semple McPherson | L.A., U.S.A. | 1923 | *Declaration of Faith* by Aimee Semple McPherson | Foursquare Church |
| L. Ron Hubbard | U.S.A. | 1953 | *Dianetics* | Church of Scientology (Scientologists) |
| Chuck Smith | U.S.A. | 1965 | *Calvary Chapel Distinctives* by Chuck Smith | Calvary Chapel |

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