

Work of a local church of Christ

2Tim 1:13

1Tim 5:16

How / Nature

"church of Christ"

Duties are based on relationships

Lk 10:25-37

- Duty: Benevolence to all men
- Relationship based on: "*neighbor*" v36
- Duties of a *collective* based on this rela.? e.g. Cancer Society

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Rom 13:6,7

- Duty: Pay taxes
- Relationship based on: "*citizen*" v7
- Duties of a *collective* based on this rela.?
e.g. Democratic/Republican Party

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Heb 13:15

- Duty: Offer praise thru Christ
See also Rom 16:3,9,12; Php 2:30
- Relationship based on: being "*in Christ*"
- Duties of a *collective* based on this rela.?? i.e. a church "*of Christ*"

Basic relationship underlying the existence of the local church

- Members are those "sanctified *in Christ*"
1Co 1:2
- Collective is "*in Christ*" 1Th 1:1
- Duties of a collective based on this rela.??
i.e. a church "*of Christ*" Rom 16:16
Compare other "churches"
Ac 7:38; 19:32,39

Authority for work of a church "of Christ"

- *Saints* (units of the collective) **1Co 1:2**
- *Acting together* (purpose of the collective) **Php 1:27**
- *In Christ* (nature of the collective)
Rom 16:16; 1Th 1:1

"All duties of a Christian, which rest upon grounds peculiar to his being a Christian, and authorized for performance together with other Christians, are also duties for which a local congregation is authorized to make provisions."
W. L. Wharton, *Arlington Meeting*, p. 168

Applied: work of churches "of Christ" observed in Scriptures

- Edification *"in Christ"* Col 3:16;
1Co 14:26
- Evangelism *"in Christ"* Php 4:15,16
- Benevolence to those *"in Christ"*
Ac 6:1-6; 11:27-30; 1Tim 5:16

Self	Human	Family	Gov.	Christ
Eph 5:28-29 Mt 16:25-26	Lk 10:25-37 Rom 13:6-10	Eph 5:22-6:4 1Tim 5:4,16	Rom 13:1-7 Mt 22:17-21	Col 3:16 1Co 10:16 1Th 5:17,18 2Pt 3:18 2Co 8:4,5
<i>Personal</i>	<i>Social</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Spiritual</i>

What difference does it make?

- Question of authority 2Tim 1:13;
1Co 14:37
- Confuses the mission of Christ - church
"of Christ" Lk 19:10
- Diverts the church from its real goal
1Tim 3:15