

# Truth For The World

## Newsletter

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### Can We Attend the Church of Our Choice?

What did Jesus say about the church? This is a question that many do not consider when thinking about being a part of a religious organization calling itself a “church.” And this is a tragic mistake. Often we hear the expression, “Join the church of your choice!” Is this a biblical idea? Well, let us see what the Bible says.

First, Jesus said that he would build “His church” (Matthew 16:13-18). It is significant to note that Jesus did not say that he would build his “churches.” No, he used the singular form of the word “church.” In a recent worldwide study, it was determined that there were over 33,000 different religious organizations in the world that claimed to be “Christian.” Did Jesus mean what he said in Matthew 16? What does this study say about these 32,999 groups and their “respect” for the authority of the Word?

Second, when one looks at the New Testament, it is evident that people did not “join” the New Testament church. They heard the Word of God preached (Acts 2:41). They believed the message of the gospel (Acts 2:37). They repented of their sins (Acts 2:38). They confessed that they believed Jesus to be the Son of God (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10). They then were baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sin (Acts 2:38). Jesus then **added** these people to His church (Romans 10:17; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Acts 8:37; 2:38; 22:16; 2:47).

Third, the Apostle Paul states that there is but “one body” (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4; Colossians 1:18), and that body is the church. Now, ask yourself this question: “How many churches does God intend for there to be?” If one respects the authority of the scripture, there can only be **one** approved church of Christ. It is not a man-made denomination. It is Christ’s church, the one you read about in the New Testament.

–Lee Davis

### Memorials/Honors

*In Memory of Carolyn Walker*

Given by: Mike & Tracie Lanier

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Given by: Karen Clark & Denise Patterson

## Mail from Around the Globe

### **SOUTH AFRICA**

“I now have a clear understanding that God is in control of everything. He is God Almighty. From today I wish to have faith like Job’s, knowing that God is bigger than everything that the devil throws at me. This book of Job is powerful indeed. I thank God for Truth For The World that opens my eyes. Glory to the most high God Jehovah.” –Florence R.

### **KENYA**

“Awesome lesson on the beginning, and tough ending on the Judgment, Heaven, And Hell. I have really enjoyed this part; let me see how I shall be graded and move on to the next. I am using the same for my Bible study with teenagers in my church, where I take them as their teacher on Sundays at church. God bless the Truth For The World organizers for empowering the Word with eternal Biblical knowledge.” –Anthony W.

### **UNITED STATES**

“It has been a pleasure taking this course; the material has been excellent. I have learned a lot and I would highly recommend to anybody that would like to know the word of God. I would like to thank you for all the great work that you are doing in spreading the word of God.” –Moises K.

### **BELGIUM**

“Every step I go in this lesson is helping me know more details I overlook. Thank you for coming my way, TFTW. I would like to share and use these materials with friends and for church study, thank you.” –Olufemi O.

## Online Bible Course in Spanish

After quite a bit of coding work, the Bible Correspondence Course in Spanish is online! I understand this course was online before, years ago, but it quit working at some point, and for a long time it was only available by mail. But now, Spanish-speaking students around the world can study the Bible on our website once again.

For now, only the first course (Beginning Bible Studies) is available, although hopefully we will be able to translate more courses in the future.

If you would like to take the course to work on your Spanish, or if you want to recommend it to a friend, the URL is:

[laverdadparaelmundo.org/estudiar](http://laverdadparaelmundo.org/estudiar)

If you know any Spanish-speaking brethren or congregations, please pass the word and let them know about this great opportunity for evangelism! Truth For The World is not very well-known in the Spanish-speaking brotherhood yet, so if you can tell others about it, that would accomplish a lot.

As the number of Spanish-speaking students grows, we will also be in need of teachers who can grade their lessons. You need not be a native speaker of Spanish, as long as you can make yourself understood and answer Bible questions in Spanish. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Benjamin Bruce at [benjamin@tftw.org](mailto:benjamin@tftw.org).



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Take a look at the *global* evangelism of Truth For The World.

### **Television**

- Available in the U.S. and the Republic of Palau
- On-demand on Roku® in U.S.A., Canada, Ireland, and the U.K.
- Online 24/7 TV channel

### **Radio**

- Available on AM and FM in the U.S., Nigeria and the Philippines
- Online 24/7 radio station

### **Podcast**

- Discussing mission work

### **Print**

- Tracts, Articles, etc.
- Questions and Answers

### **Bible Correspondence Courses**

- 6 courses, averaging 9+ new students a day!

### **Cell Phones/Tablets**

- Android and iOS apps
- Bible texts in the US and UK
- Radio listening via phone calls

### **Online**

- [truthfortheworld.org](http://truthfortheworld.org)
- English, Spanish, Indonesian, and Chinese websites
- Social Media (Facebook.com/TruthfortheWorld, Twitter-@Truth4theWorld, Google+, Pinterest, and LinkedIn.)
- YouTube channel (TFTWTV)
- [Issuu.com/truthfortheworld](http://Issuu.com/truthfortheworld)