



*Our Embassy*

## **“THE CHURCH”**

It is ironic how many so-called Christian churches claim to be representatives of God, working for advancing His Kingdom, striving to win souls to the Cross, proclaiming a different Gospel and a different Jesus, pretending to be the only true church, all the true church and nothing but the true church.

Divisions and denominations within Christ church existed since the early years of Christendom; to ascertain this fact, read Paul’s first epistle to the Corinthians, and you will realize the phenomenon is 2000 years old.

Throughout the centuries, the church was plagued by heresies and schisms, generating a gamut of cults and occults, which shattered and still shatter the face and the substance of Jesus’ original intended Church. Moreover, between the universal and the orthodox, the fundamental and the pentecostal, the charismatic and the pragmatic, the revivalistic and the evangelistic, etc., the True Church is no where to be found.

The True Church of Jesus Christ was established to be a refuge to all of us the sinners, since we all fell short of God’s Grace; but as the prodigal son, once he realized that he is lost, he returned to his senses, to his home, his father and his family for forgiveness and fellowship; we, too, need to go to our Father and to our mother the church, to seek refuge, to seek forgiveness, to seek grace, to seek reconciliation and fellowship with our Father and fellowman, abiding by what the Lord admonished us when He said: “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and the rest will be added unto you; love the Lord Thy God with all your might and love your neighbor as yourself “, then we will find rest and peace and we will inherit ***Eternal Life***.

Many churches have failed their missions because the representative of God failed to proclaim the True Message of God Forgiveness, God Compassion, and God Unconditional Love to one and all, instead they preach the doctrine of doom and gloom, the doctrine of customs and traditions, the doctrine of alienation and division. Therefore, the majority of believers flock into their denominational and factional churches, and before entering, they stand before its portals to unload their sins, cares and problems, drag themselves in, spend impatiently and indifferently some time dozing, and when they leave, they feel spiritually emptier than when they went in, except for the load of their sins, cares and problems, which they will pick up at the portals, where they have left them, till the next church service.

Many view the church as an *embassy*, and its consulate (*Chancellery/Rectory*) is the most frequented and needed *department*, where they can get sacramental yet ceremonial services as well as baptismal, marriage and death certificates, recommendations, certification and affidavit letters, be invited to social events, boast of the friendship with the pastor, the bishop and the clergy etc..., with no genuine spiritual association but for business purposes only.

It is indeed true that the Church is the embassy of the Kingdom of Heaven and we are therefore *Christ's Ambassadors*, as though God were making His appeal through us" (2Cor 5:20 ) for "our citizenship is Heaven (Phil 3:20) if:

The presence of its **Creator, God**, is profoundly felt,  
The **Anointed MESSIAH** is its **Monarch**,  
The **Holy Spirit** is Its **Minister**,  
Its **Officials** are the **DISCIPLES** of the **Lord**,  
Its believing **body** are the beloved **Saints** of the **Lord**,

Its **Coat of Arm** is the **CROSS**,  
Its **Code of Ethics** is the **BIBLE**,  
Its **Flag** is the **RESURRECTED CHRIST**,  
Its **Function** is attending to the **LOST SHEEP**,  
Its **Mission** is the **Spreading** of the **GOSPEL**,  
Its **Pledge of Allegiance** is only to the **Living GOD**,  
Its **Policy** is **Raging War** in love against all **VICES**,  
Its **Services** are the **STRENGTHENING** of **FAITH**,  
Its **Diplomacy** is to confirm the **KINGDOM** of **GOD**,  
Its **Survival** is the strict adherence to the **SCRIPTURES**,  
Its **Tenure** is contingent on its **UNWAVERING COMMITMENT**,  
Its **Instructions** are to demonstrate **GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE**,  
Its **Purpose** is to **Reconcile** man with God by **Gathering** not **Scattering**,

**ITS FEES ARE ALREADY PAID IN FULL BY CHRIST.**

In **Jesus' Church**, believers come to the Lord Jesus and His True Church, as they are: sinners looking for **relief** and **forgiveness**, and not to be launched on a guilt trip, and right there and then, they throw their **sins, cares** and **hardship** at the feet of the **Crucified Christ**, instead of leaving them at the portals, because they trust in **Jesus Words** : "*Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matt. 11:28), the rest that only God, who already forgave them before they ask, can give.

Jesus promised: **if we confess our sins, he is faithful to forgive us** and that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them (2Cor 5:19), Christ already placed them behind the Father declaring "their sins and iniquities I will remember no more" (Heb10:17). Remember that Jesus loves His church, which is us, before we loved Him and also he chose us before we have chosen Him and before we have decided to follow Him. Jesus **justified** and **sanctified** us by making us, on the Cross, purer than the gold and whiter than the snow; since we have **the "Greater** is He who is in us" (1John 4:4) and who is more precious than gold, let us not be satisfied with ore dross.

Estranged from our **Heavenly land**, let us genuinely participate in living and spreading the Good News of our salvation, forgiveness and unconditional love, freely and undeservedly bestowed on us by the Lord Jesus Christ by becoming **doers** of the **Word** and not just **hearers**, and by serving our **Lord** in **Spirit** and **Truth** and by lifting up our church to be the true church of Jesus Christ in **true partnership**, **devoted fellowship** and **ardent worship**, *thus our names will be written forever as genuine and participating citizens of Heaven in the only relevant register:*

## **The Lamb Book of Life.**