Which church shall I join? By Ben A Anderson.**The Poem.

All up and down this troddden land
Confusion reigns today,
As honest folks on every hand
In doubt are heard to say;
"I do not know which church to Join,
There are so very many."

To whom we offer this advice-
You never should Join any.
You cannot join the church of Christ,
No man can vote you in;
The Lord Himself will add you,
When He saves you from your sins.--Acts 2,47.
Then take no chances neighbor;
this race but once you'l run,
A church you'd join must be of man,
and not the proper one.

Beware a church you cannot find
within the sacred pages;
Be safe dear sinner,rest your soul
Upon the Rock of Ages,.
Be added to His blood bought church,
And drink salvation's cup;
For every plant,God planted not
It shall be rooted up.

No mourners bench on Pentecost Acts 2
The inspired Peter fitted,
But said,"Repent and be baptized,
That yuur sins may be remitted." Ac 2,38 forgiven
The Lord,who saved and added those
Who did that day His will,
Will do the same for you,my friend,
For He is adding still.

Let not false teachers lead you wrong,
Nor close your eyes in slumber;
When Jesus said He'd build His church, Mt 16, 15-20
'twas not the plural number.
No choices of churches ,neighbor,
You'll find beneath the sun;
Though men may have ten thousand,
The Saviour had but one.

One Lord one faith,one baptism.--One God the Father of all,who is above all,and through all,and in you all.Gal,4,5-6.

Col.1,18 And He (Christ) is the head of the body,the church:who is the beginning,the first born from the dead,that in all things He might have t the preeminence.

Eph.5,23 Christ is the head of the church,and He is the saviour of the body.Verse 24 Therfore the church is subject to Christ 25 Husbands love your wives as Christ also loved the church,and gave Himself for it; 26 that He might sanctify,and cleanse it with the washing of water,by the word.27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church,not having spot or wrinkle,or any such thing;but that it should be Holy and without blemish.

1 Pe.1,18 Inas much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,as silver and gold,--19But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Mt.16,18 Christ said upon this Rock I will build my Church--The statement that Peter Had made "Thou art the Christ,the Son of the Living God," 1 Cor.3,11 Paul declares.For other foundation can no man than that is laid,which is Christ Jesus.In the tenth verse He said "I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon.We now turn to 1 Cor 15,1-4 Paul declares again, Moreover brethren,I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you(when He laid the foundation)which also ye received,where in ye stand; By which also ye are saved if ye keep in memory what I preach ached unto you ,unless ye have believed in vain. #For I delivered unto you first of all,how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures:And that He was buried,and that He arose again the third day accordihg to the Scriptures.--1 Cor.11,28 The apostles were the first placed in thechurch.--And Acts 2,47 The Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.

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