The One Church Jesus Died To Save

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✓ The Right Founder

o Jesus (Jeremiah 23:5-6; Malachi 3:1-3; Matthew 16:18)

✓ The Right Place

o Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:1-2; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Mark 9:1; Acts 1:9-12; 2:1-5, 47; 11:15)

✓ The Right Time

o Day of Pentecost in 1st century (Daniel 2:44; Acts 2; 11:15; Galatians 4:4)

✓ The Right Foundation & Doctrine

o Jesus Christ and His Word (Isaiah 28:16; I Corinthians 3:10-11; I Peter 2:4-6; II John 9)

✓ The Right Name

- Church(es) of Christ (Romans 16:16); church of God (Acts 20:28); church of the Living God (I Timothy 3:15); church of the firstborn (Hebrews 12:23)
- o Its members are called Christians! (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; I Pet. 4:16)

✓ Has the Right Head

o Jesus (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18)

✓ Practices the Right Baptism

o Immersion for the Forgiveness of Sins in Jesus' Name (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:48; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; I Corinthians 12:13; I Peter 3:21)

✓ Is Grounded in Love & Truth

o Ephesians 4:15; I Corinthians 16:14; I Timothy 1:5; 3:15

✓ Has the Right Organization/Leadership Structure

Elders & Deacons (Philippians 1:1; I Timothy 3:1-13)

How Can I Identify the One Church Jesus Died to Build & Save?

Founder	Place	Time	Foundation	Name
Jesus Christ	Jerusalem	Pentecost (1st c. AD)	Teachings of Jesus Christ (N.T.)	Church of Christ/of God/of the Living God/of the firstborn Christians
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)
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	<u>Declaration of Faith</u> by Aimee Semple McPherson	Foursquare Church
L. Ron Hubbard	U.S.A.	1953	<u>Dianetics</u>	Church of Scientology (Scientologists)
Chuck Smith	U.S.A.	1965	<u>Calvary Chapel Distinctives</u> by Chuck Smith	Calvary Chapel

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