

# Morning Lesson

## CHURCH IS CHURCH, RIGHT?

Gal. 4:1-7

### INTRO:

1. God, in his omniscience, planned the church for over 4,000 years. **Gal. 4:4; Gal. 3:24; Matt. 11:2, 3; John 4:25**
2. So then, how does God feel when folks say that one church is as good as another?
3. To say that his church is no better is to say that man is as wise as God. **1 Cor. 1:18-25**
4. Like God said to Samuel in **1 Samuel 8:7**

### I. CHRIST'S CHURCH IS THE ONLY ONE REVEALED FROM HEAVEN. **Matt. 16:18**

- A. God's eternal purpose. **Eph. 3:10, 11.; Acts 2:47**
- B. By 4,000 BC. **Gen. 3:15**
- C. 3,000 BC. **Gen. 6-9; 1 Pet. 3:18-22; 2 Pet. 2:5**
- D. 2,000 years before. **Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:7**
- E. At 1500 years. **Ex. 25-40; Num. 35:10, 11; Heb. 6:18**
- F. 1,000 years before. **2 Sam. 7:12, 13; Matt. 1:1; Matt. 16:18, 19; Col. 1:18; Acts 2:36; Eph. 1:22, 23**
- G. 700 years. **Micah 4:1, 2 (Isa. 2:2, 3); Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; 2:1, 47**
- H. Then, in the fullness of time, God sent Jesus. **Gal. 4:4; John 15:26; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4**

### II. MEN HAVE ESTABLISHED THOUSANDS MORE CHURCHES SINCE THEN.

- A. Jesus accepts no man's denomination. **Matt. 15:13; 1 Cor. 14:40; Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25**
- B. No man was given license to begin a church from the days of the apostles until now. **Col. 3:17; 2 Tim. 2:2**

### CONC:

1. To say that one church is as good as another discards over 4,000 years of God's work.
2. It also voids the sacrifice of Christ.
3. The Lord's church is just that: his church.
4. There is only one Lord and, therefore, there is only one approved church. **Eph. 4:4-6**