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## Is One Church As Good As Another?

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Sometimes you hear a thing so often for so long it just becomes natural to believe it is true. The question asked in the title of this article is an example of this. We have heard that the Lord's church is the only one and that one church is not as good as another, but have we thought very much about whether or why it is true. Here are some things to think about when considering this subject:

**#1** If one church (or faith) is as good as another, then why does the Bible say there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism"? (Ephesians 4:5)

**#2** If one church (or faith) is as good as another, why did Jesus say, "I am the way"? (John 14:6) Perhaps He would have said "I am a way" instead. Jesus put the number of ways in perspective in Matthew 7:13-14 when He said there is a broad way and a narrow way with very different ending points.

**#3** If one church (or faith) is as good as another, why did thousands in the book of Acts change from one religion to another? Almost everyone we read about in Acts was previously a religious person of some flavor, why change if it was not necessary?

**#4** If one church (or faith) is as good as another, why did Jesus say, "Every plant, which My heavenly Father has not planted, will be rooted up"? (Matthew 15:13)

**#5** If one style or form of worship is as good as another, why did God reject Cain's worship and accept Abel's? (Genesis 4:4-5) Was it necessary to kill Nadab and Abihu because they saw things differently than God?

Now, before we get too haughty, we need to take a serious look at the church of the first century and see if we are reflecting their worship and actions. If we are worshipping in "spirit and truth" (John 4:24) but leaving a needy person without taking care of their needs (James 2:14-16) isn't our faith just as "dead" as anyone else's? Christ's church is glorious and deserves our best, let's make sure we give it to her.