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Hello!

Thanks for coming in to see
what this is all about.

It's this: You are invited to learn about
the church identified by the Biblical name—

CHURCH OF GOD

which distinguishes itself from other churches
bearing the same name by appending the words,
7TH DAY, thus: Church of God (7th day)—

N O T Seventh-day Adventists, and

N O T Radio Church of God, but

CHURCH OF GOD (7th day),

which is in **NO** way connected or associated
with either of these churches, but does observe
the seventh-day Sabbath—Saturday.

The Purpose of This Publication Is—

N O T to try to prove or disprove any religious
conviction(s), and

N O T to discredit the religious conviction(s)
of any church group or individual.

Rather, the Purpose Is—

to acquaint you with some of the facts about the
history, functioning, and Scriptural beliefs of
the Church of God (7th day).

So We Invite You to Learn These Facts for Yourself.

It Can Be Rewarding To Be Informed.

Other Pertinent Introductory Facts:

- This church looks to no person (living or dead) as its founder, prophet, prophetess, or spiritual director or interpreter.
- Only Christ is recognized as its head, and only the Bible (believed to be Divinely inspired in its entirety) is accepted for spiritual guidance and revelation of truth.
- The church holds to the fundamentals of Christian faith, including great Bible truths forgotten, undiscovered, or ignored by many of the popular churches.
- This church has a listing of accepted doctrinal beliefs, but this does not constitute a fixed, unalterable creed. It allows that through the employment of prayer and study that a growth in Scriptural understanding is always possible when there is a desire for it. Articles of belief are established through action of a Ministerial Council.
- A democratic, Bible-patterned church organization is supported.
- The *Church of God* believes that Christians must live a godly life and be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that all the gifts of the Spirit, as listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, are for the church today. It is believed that there are a number of good evidences which show that a person has been filled with or baptized by the Holy Spirit, but that the best of these evidences is the manifestation of the fruits of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22, 23.

The *Church of God* believes in heartfelt, spiritual conversion and in Christian growth in grace and knowledge of the truth. Many believers find a closer walk with God at the altar of prayer.

Pronounced Civil Convictions:

- Concerning *religious liberty*, it is held that every person has the God-given right to choose for himself whether or not he shall have a form of religious worship, and that he should have the freedom to seek to satisfy his spiritual need without interference of church or state. Any attempt to use force, threat, or to exact penalty through the enactment of laws to deny such liberty, or to restrict or compel contrary to conscientious convictions, is unscriptural and is to be resisted.
- *Carnal warfare* is disapproved, and any man's conscientious objections to military service is supported.
- Any attempt to effect *calendar reform*, which will destroy the present weekly cycle, is opposed.

A Word About Church History:

The *Church of God* associates itself with the church, identified in Scripture as "the church of God," which existed in the time of Christ, the apostles, and Paul. (See: 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Acts 15:9 and 20:28; and 1 Tim. 3:5.)

Members of this first-century church continued to recognize and to observe the Sabbath, which is the fourth of the Ten Commandments engraven in stone by the finger of God. (See: Mark 16:1; Luke 4:4-6 and 13:10; Acts 13:42-44, 16:13, and 18:4.)

Adherents of the faith of this early Sabbathkeeping church have continued active from the time of the apostles until the present—migrating from Asia to Europe and then to the United States. The first came here about 1644.

For many years after this, these Sabbathkeepers were scattered and unorganized. Some of them were in what is known as the "Advent Movement" of 1844, which was led by the Baptist, William Miller. When Christ did not return in 1844, as had been predicted, these Sabbathkeepers, along with others, began corresponding. They soon began publishing a magazine, and in a few years had organized as the Church of God (Seventh Day).

A publishing work was begun in Michigan in 1863 with the issuance of a paper entitled, *The Hope of Israel*. By means of this publication more people who embraced the same Scriptural understanding were contacted, and the Church began to expand in Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Gradually, groups of like belief became established in other states until the Church's scope of influence and operation has spread throughout the United States and to other nations of the world.

On December 18, 1900, the name of the Church's main publication (a weekly magazine) was changed to, *The Bible Advocate and Herald of the Coming Kingdom*, and it has continued to be published under this name until the present. However, it is now an enlarged monthly publication.

As other churches developed, which also chose to be identified by the Bible name, "Church of God," but who observed Sunday instead of the Bible Sabbath (Saturday), the Church felt it to be expedient to append the words *7th day* to the name so as to distinguish it from the Sundaykeeping groups.

Organizational Structure and Activities:

- General Conference offices of the church are located at 1510 Cook Street, in Denver, Colorado. The United States is divided into six districts within which are state conferences, local churches

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with pastors, and Sabbath schools. It has missionary outreach into a number of foreign countries, and Mexico is well-organized under an affiliating conference.

- There are seven departments of special service: Ministerial, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sabbath School, Young People's, Educational, and Publishing.
- A radio program—"Faith For Our Time"—is broadcast throughout the United States and in Canada.
- Midwest Bible College, where men and women are prepared to become ministers, missionaries, and gospel workers, is located at Stanberry, Missouri.
- A boarding, high school academy (Spring Vale Academy) located at Owosso, Michigan, provides spiritual guidance and training along with required academic instruction.
- There are also church-sponsored schools abroad.
- The Home Missions Department issues a FREE Bible-study course—the "Searchlight Bible Course." Write for it to: P. O. Box 2525, Denver, Colorado 80201.

Principle Tenets of Belief:

1. God is the Father, Christ is His only begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit is the Comforter sent into the hearts of those who have been regenerated or born again.

2. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, and pre-existed His earthly birth.

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3. Salvation is only through the blood of Christ, and is contingent upon faith, confession of sin, repentance, conversion, baptism, and living a clean, consecrated life.

4. Christ atoned for sin when He died on the Cross.

5. Man is saved by grace, but this does not mean he is not subject to Divine law.

6. None of the Ten Commandments have been changed or abolished. Thus, conforming to the requirement of each is still a prerequisite to salvation.

7. The Sabbath, designated in the fourth of the Ten Commandments (Exod. 20:8-11), has not been abolished or changed, and is to be kept from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday.

8. Sin is the transgression of law, and this includes the Ten Commandments—1 John 3:4.

9. All worldliness which is not compatible with Godliness is disavowed.

10. The physical body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and therefore should be kept clean—to the exclusion of the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors, or anything else that is detrimental to the body and good health.

11. Not all animals were created to be eaten by man—only those designated as “clean” in the Bible.

12. Observance of all pagan-and church-originated days, such as Sunday, Christmas, Easter, Lent, Good Friday, etc., is rejected on the basis they are unscriptural.

13. Baptism is by immersion for believers—not for infants or others who lack sufficient awareness of their sins to repent.

14. The Lord's Supper is a memorial service to commemorate the death of Christ. Unleavened bread and unfermented grape juice are partaken of as emblems of the body and blood of Christ. The service is held annually at the time of the anniversary of His death, and is accompanied by the humility service of foot washing.

15. Christ was in the tomb a full three days and three nights (or approximately 72 hours). He was crucified on Wednesday and arose from the tomb in the end of the Sabbath.

16. Man is mortal, dies completely, and sleeps in the grave until awakened at the return of Christ. The redeemed will receive immortality when resurrected at His second advent.

17. All those, who at death are in a condition which God judges to be wicked, will be punished with eternal annihilation.

18. We are living in the time near to the second advent of Christ. This return of Christ will be literal and visible to all who are living upon the earth. It will *not* be a secret rapture.

19. Christians now live in a spiritual kingdom of grace. At His second advent, Christ will judge the world and establish His literal, eternal kingdom of righteousness on this earth in which the redeemed will reign with Him for 1000 years—a time identified as “the times of restitution of all things” (Acts 3:21).

20. The earth will be restored and made new, and following the millennium, it will become the eternal home of the redeemed. Heaven is God's place and no promise is given that anyone will go there.

21. Divine healing is possible through prayer and can be instantaneous.

22. Christians are enjoined to pay tithes and to give offerings.

23. The return of the Jews to Palestine is a literal fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

24. Marriage is a sacred ordinance not to be dissolved except for reason given by Christ as recorded in Matthew 5:32 and 19:9.

**Thanks for Taking Time
to Get Acquainted with the
Church of God (7th day):**

If further information should be desired, FREE literature (giving Scriptural reasons for all the tenets of belief set forth herein) is available for the asking. Write to:

The Bible Advocate Press

P. O. Box 158, Stanberry, Missouri 64489

Additional information about the operation, organization, and doctrinal beliefs of the church will be sent FREE. Write to:

**The General Conference of the
Church of God (7th day)**

P. O. Box 2370, Denver, Colorado 80201.

The purpose of this tract is to inform you of the existence of the Church of God (seventh day), and of the Bible teachings herein described. Ministers and lay-members of the church will be glad to visit you and give further information. Believers in these Bible truths are invited to join in fellowship and membership in the church.