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## The Church of God

### IMPORTANT.

Dear ones of like faith,- We have long believed the words of God to be true, and had faith that the true church of the New Testament was called the Church of God, all through the gospel dispensation, for God declared that the woman of Rev. 12th chapter, whose name was "The Church of God." was carried away into the wilderness where God had a place prepared to feed her there a thousand two hundred and three score days, which is proof that the name would be preserved there.

Many inquiries have come to us and are constantly being received for a leaflet setting forth our church history. For several years certain records have been gone over, and important findings discovered, but not as far back in history as we would like.

About three months ago we wrote to a brother in England to make an investigation from records compiled in the library at London, and we personally sent him money for the investigation, hoping that sufficient findings would be made to answer, and his investigation has revealed some remarkable facts, vindicating the word of God, and proving his care and preservation of the sacred name, "The Church of God."

In his last letter he writes that he has made thirty-seven trips to the library and other places of investigation, and that he was out of funds.

### Revelations.

He writes in the last letter, 'John Tombs, in his

work of 1653, mentions the "Church of God," twice on pages twelve and thirteen. In the early records of three S. D. Baptist churches, giving pages and files of records, frequent mention is made of the "Church of God". He writes, "Confession of faith, and other public documents of the Baptist churches of England, in the 17th century, edited by E. R. Underfield, makes special mention of the 'Church of God,' I give one extract, "The humble petition of several 'Churches of God' in London -1649- commonly though falsely, called anabaptists."

In Peter Allis, Church of Piedmont, 1821, page 23 and 249 mentions the 'Church of God.' And chapter 25 page 288, says: "Frederick the second, emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, about 1230 A. D. in his proclamation against heretics, uses the term "Church of God".

This brother has already found many important historical sketches, besides those above. We will only give one more, as follows, "In the work of Shem Archer, by F. Bampfield. The only copy of this book now in existence, is in the British Museum library, on page 28, mentions the 'Church of God', and declares Jesus Christ to be the supreme head of the church.

### The Situation.

Here is the situation: The Catholics claim to be the oldest church in the world, and that all other churches sprang from them. We have the evidence compiled of Sabbath keeping people, down through the dark ages, and now we want the history to which direct reference can be made, proving that the name, "Church of God", was also applied to these people. This brother is doing fine work, but as he makes the investigation, the book enlarges.

He finds many other reference books mentioned