

WHY I AM NOT A PROTESTANT



The title of this tract may come as a surprise to some, as many people believe that all non-Catholics are Protestants. But this is not so, as we trust you will see.

I am not a Protestant because I am a member of the Church of God by virtue of salvation (Acts 2:47). The Church of God is not a Protestant church. All Protestant churches can trace their origin to the Roman Catholic Church. The true Church of God was founded and established by Jesus Himself (Matthew 16:18) several hundred years before the Roman Catholic Church ever came into existence.

The Church of God is a divine institution and has no relationship with Protestantism. Christ built His church, His body, of which He is the Head (Colossians 1:18). He places the members in the body (the church) as it pleases Him (1 Corinthians 12:18). His church is made up of lively stones (1 Peter 2:5): saved, born-again people. There are no dead stones (sinners) in the Church of God. If a saint goes back into sin, he or she is no longer a member of the Church of God, for the Church of God is without spot or blemish (Ephesians 5:27).

The Church of God was not built upon Peter (who definitely was not the first Pope). Jesus said He would build His church upon the rock. The Apostle Paul told us in 1 Corinthians 10:4, "And that Rock was Christ." The Church of God is built upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19-22).

In contrast, all Protestant denominations are man-made organizations, who elect their heads and make rules and laws. To become a member of a Protestant denomination, one must subscribe to a creed or discipline. By that act, one severs full fellowship with other Christians who do not belong in their sect. Some may say, "That is not true, for we have fellowship with all Christians." They would learn differently if they would try to partake of the Lord's Supper in some sects. It would be denied them, because they were not members of that sect. Also, they may be surprised if they were to try to find full fellowship in a denomination without joining. They would be denied many privileges that full members have.

Born-again people are not Protestants, unless they have joined a Protestant sect. If they join a Protestant sect, that makes them Protestants and a part of the Protestant system. God did not make them Protestants, but man did. God makes saints out of sinners, but never Protestants.

If members of the Church of God are not Protestants (and they surely are not Roman Catholics), what are they? They are called saints (Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:1, and about sixty other places in the New Testament alone), Christians (Acts 11:26), and children of God (Matthew 5:9). They have no part of Protestantism, which is Babylon (Revelation 17:5).

Members of the Church of God, have always been called saints, Christians, and children of God, but never Protestants. The name *Protestant* belongs to Babylon, and the true Protestant belongs to Babylon, but the true saints of God have no part of Babylon. Many have come out of Babylon (Protestantism, Catholicism, etc.) into the true light, leaving their Babylonish garments behind, of which the name Protestant is one.

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