

Lesson 4

Misconceptions About the Church

I. Misconceptions About the History of the Church

A. *The church is a product of the Restoration Movement.*

Wrong. The church predates the Restoration Movement.

B. *The church is a product of the Reformation Movement.*

Wrong. The church predates the Reformation Movement.

C. *Constantine was a great champion of the church.*

Wrong. The church was better off when Rome was its enemy.

II. Misconceptions About the Nature of the Church

A. *There are many churches.*

Wrong. There is one church and only one church.

B. *The name of “our” church is “Church of Christ.”*

Wrong. It is not *our* church, and “church of Christ” is its *description*.

C. *The church is a man-made organization.*

Wrong. The church was established by God.

D. *The church is a building.*

Wrong. Christians are the dwelling place of God.

E. *Denominations are part of God’s plan for the church.*

Wrong. Denominations have *never* been part of God’s plan for the church.

III. Misconceptions About the Role of the Church

A. *The church was an accident.*

Wrong. The church has always been part of God’s plan.

B. *The church is something that you can join.*

Wrong. We are *added* to the church by God when we are saved.

C. *Belonging to a church is optional for a Christian.*

Wrong. If you are not in the church, then you are not a Christian.