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Certainty

God's Church Identified Truth for the 21st Century

one professes to represent God. groups in the United States. In of American churches, there are sects, and religious groups. Each smaller independent churches, more than 250 major religious truth. At the same time, each group addition, there are hundreds of is different from the others. Each one claims to be teaching ccording to a recent handbook

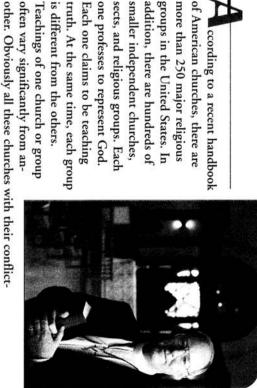
often vary significantly from an-Teachings of one church or group

ing teachings cannot be right.

sonal. They argue that truth is a matter of opinion. cluded that the discovery of truth is extremely pering array of churches. Some people have even con-"You have your truth and I have mine," they say. "You look at it your way and I will look at it mine." The average person is confused by this bewilder-

can I find it? which church I attend? If God has a true church, how have a true church today? Does it make any difference Is finding truth a matter of chance? Does God This leads us to some important questions.

who followed Him. This group of loyal and committed followers have composed His church in every age the history of the world God has always had a people questions directly from the Bible itself. Throughout This lesson will help you answer these important



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I. How does God identify His genuine followers in Genesis 26:4, 5 the early beginnings of Old Testament history?

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of Israel. Israel was the church of the Old Testament. God desired to reveal a knowledge of His glory to the world through His church, Israel ing to his son Jacob's 12 sons became the founders of the nation family (or church) of Abraham. Abraham's son, Isaac, passed God's blessnations of this world with a knowledge of the true God through the Because Abraham was faithful to Him, God desired to acquaint the



2. How does God describe His special relationship with Israel? Deuteronomy 7:6, 9

The Bible answer:

ments" (Deuteronomy 7:9, NKJV). * church are described as "those who love Him and keep His commandsen people (or church) throughout the Old Testament. God's people or Although at times they were unfaithful, Israel remained God's cho-



3. What instructions did Jesus give to His New Testament followers? John 14:15

The Bible answer:

as those who love Him and keep His commandments. Love always leads to obedience. In both the Old and New Testaments, God identifies His followers

Notes

Characteristics of God's True Church

- It is a worldwide movement.
- It proclaims the everlasting gospel
- It teaches that we are living in the judgment hour and emphasizes that Jesus is coming soon.
- It leads men and women to obey God's commandments.
- It teaches men and women to "give glory to God" in what they refraining from alcohol, tobacco, and unclean foods. eat or drink. It helps them to understand the necessity of
- It explains the significance of worshiping our loving Creator on the seventh-day Sabbath.
- It leads men and women out of religious confusion to God's
- It warns against accepting any sign of human authority (the mark of the beast) in the place of God's Word
- It teaches that death is a peaceful rest until the resurrection

prophetic movement proclaiming God's last-day truth churches. It is a divine movement of destiny raised up by God. It is a tion. It is not merely another religious body littering the landscape of the three angels of Revelation 14—the Seventh-day Adventist Church one church in all the world that is urgently proclaiming the truths of preaching these heaven-sent messages of Revelation 14. There is only The Seventh-day Adventist Church is not merely another denomina-There is only one religious movement in all the world that is

MY DECISION

Your true church. Thank You, Lord, for the assurance of Your guidance.	I dedicate my life to following Your truth and sincerely desire to discover	Lord, I thank You for preserving the chain of truth through the centuries.



4. What clear identifying characteristics of the true

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The Bible answer:	church does God give? Revelation 12:17; 14:
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obey Him by keeping His commandments. They are the faithful ones, time to the end of time, God has a group of people who lovingly such as the Revised Standard Version, say "rest of her offspring." The God's truth is uncompromising. the ones left. Like the New Testament church their allegiance to God. In both the Old and New Testaments, from the beginning of Revelation the remnant are those who are left or remain faithful to word "remnant" literally means "those who are left." In the setting of Revelation 12:17 to picture God's true church. Some translations, The King James version of the Bible uses the word "remnant" in



5. What does the apostle Paul call the New Testament church? | Timothy 3:15

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and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (NKJV). Christ has a church, an organized group of faithful, obedient believers God. In Matthew 16, verse 18, Jesus promised, "I will build My church, The New Testament church is based on the "word" or "truth" of



6. How universal is Christ's last-day church? How widespread will His end-time message be preached? Revelation 14:6

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international movement proclaiming His truth to the world God's last-day church, preaching His final message, must be an

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7. What is the central message of Christ's church today? Revelation 14:6

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through His power we can live transformed, obedient lives through His death we can become the children of God, and that The gospel is the "good news" that Jesus has forgiven our sins, that



8. What time period does God's last-day church announce we are living in? Revelation 14:7

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is coming again. is an "Adventist" church. It teaches that Christ came once and that He inary to the coming of Christ. It has an urgent message for the world. It The true church teaches we are living in the judgment hour prelim-



9. In the light of the urgent end-time message of the judgment hour, what are the three things Revelation 14:7 God's true church urges God's people to do?

"Fear God" means to respect, reverence, or obey God

cal and moral laws. eating and drinking. It is a message of obedience to God's physi-To give glory to God is to honor Him in all that we do, including

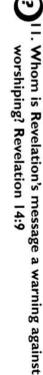


enth day, Saturday. 11). It is an invitation to return to the Bible Sabbath of the sev-Sabbath as a memorial of Creation (Revelation 4:11; Exodus 20:8-The true church calls men and women to worship on the Bible

> What significant or important announcement is made in Revelation 14:8?

The Bible answer:

us from falsehood to truth false doctrine that confuses the judgment. God's last-day message calls Babylon is a symbol of religious confusion. Wine is a symbol of



The Bible answer:



12. How can we avoid worshiping the beast? Revelation 14:12

The Bible answer:

us from the false to the true. He graciously invites us to worship the of the mark of the beast. The final crisis will be over worship. God calls terfeit worship of the beast. In a future lesson we will study the subject Creator on the seventh-day Sabbath as a sign of our allegiance to Him The true church warns men and women not to accept the coun-



The Bible answer:

that death is a peaceful rest until Jesus returns (John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:16, 17; I Corinthians 15:51-54). The true church teaches the truth about death. It clearly reveals