

Is one as good as another?
John 14:5-6
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Thesis: I want to examine the idea of one church being as good as another.

- Intro: 1. How many times have you heard it?
- a. Does it really matter?
 - b. They all teach the same things anyway?
3. What do you think? Let's see if there really is a difference.
- I. Does "one is as good as another" apply to every area?
- A. A little common sense
1. Is one medicine as good as another?
 2. When picking up a child from school, is one as good as another?
 3. Is teaching only what people would enjoy good?
- II. Does the Bible say "one is as good as another"?
- A. **Eph 4:5**
1. Does this sound like one faith is as good as another?
- B. **John 14:5-6**
1. Christ doesn't say another way is as good as His way. (**Pro 14:12, Mt 7:13-14**)
- C. **Acts 2:41**
1. If one religion is as good as another why did three thousand people change religions?
- D. **Matthew 16:18**
1. If one church is as good as another, then one established by man is just as good as the one Christ built! (**Mt 15:13-14, Ps 127:1a**)
- E. Leviticus 10:1-3
1. If one worship style is as good as another, then why did God kill Nadab and Abihu for how they were worshipping Him?
 - a. Ignorant Worship (Acts 17:23)
 - b. Vain worship (Mt 15:9)
 - c. Will-worship (Col 2:23)
 - d. Are not as good as TRUE worship (Jn 4:24)
- III. Which should you attend?
- A. Is attending any church of your choice Biblical?
1. No where in the 27 books of the N.T. does a faithful man of God promote the idea of attending any church of your choice!
 2. Instead, we find the teaching of being a member of the body of Christ, to be placed into the church which Christ built. Not just any church but the one built and paid for by Christ (**Mt 16:18, Acts 20:28**).
- B. Where should you attend? What does Christ say?
1. We should be a member of the church that follows Christ's commands (**Mt 28:20**)
 2. We should be a part of the church that follows the New Testament pattern. If we are to get to heaven, it will only be done by following Christ, not man (**Jn 14:6**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. If we are unwilling to be a part of the church, that Christ built – it has consequences.
2. If you are not in Christ, in His church (Gal 3:27), you can be assured you will not be in the home He has prepared for the faithful. If you skip Christ's church you'll also skip heaven!
3. Full Invitation