

What's Wrong with the so-called Church of Christ Plan of Salvation?

- I. History and Doctrines of the so-called Church of Christ (herein referred to as "CoC")
 - A. Originally called "The Christian Church", but they are now often referred to as "Cambellites" or "Water-dogs" or "Southern Catholics."
 - B. The name "Church of Christ" is unscriptural. - Rom. 16:16 (The Body of Christ is *never* called "The Church of Christ" anywhere in either Testament.)
 - C. Began as a non-denominational church in the early 1800's in Kentucky under the defection of Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell from the Presbyterian Church.
 - D. The CoC imitate the Roman Catholic Church by promoting themselves as the *only true church* (only its members go to Heaven) to the exclusion of all others.
 - E. The CoC continue to RCC practice of taking communion every Sunday using the "proof text" of Acts 20:7. Here the "breaking of bread" is privately interpreted to mean the Lord's Supper/Communion of 1 Corinthians 10 and 11.
 - F. The CoC retain the heresies of water baptism and good works for salvation using their own private interpretation of the scriptures. - 2 Peter 1:20
 - G. The CoC wrest the scriptures unto their own destruction. - 2 Peter 3:16

- II. CoC "God's Plan for Saving Man" (left hand column below taken directly from CoC *House to House* magazine)

CoC → God's Plan for Saving Man	Bible Believer Comment
1. God's Grace Eph. 2:8	True, but CoC do not understand God's grace as a free gift. - Rom. 3:24-26; 5:12-21; 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 15:11; Rev. 22:17
2. Christ' Blood Rom. 5:9	True, but Jesus' blood is all-sufficient <i>without works</i> . - Rom. 3:25, Rom. 4:5, 5:9; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:12; 10:10-12
3. The Holy Spirit's Gospel - Rom. 1:16	True, but the verse says it applies "to every one that believeth" with none of man's good works involved at all. - Is. 64:6; Titus 3:5
4. Sinner's Faith - Acts 16:31	True, but CoC do not agree that to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" is enough. - John 3:15-18, 36; John 5:24; Rom. 5:1
5. Sinner's Repentance Luke 13:3	True, but CoC use a <i>pre-Calvary</i> verse and fail to correctly understand the true Bible doctrine of repentance. - Acts 20:21
6. Sinner's Confession Romans 10:10	True, but only in the context of grace rather than works. Rom. 11:6; 10:9-10, 13
7. Sinner's Baptism 1 Peter 3:21	In the NT (and in this verse), water baptism is defined as a FIGURE of real Holy Spirit baptism (1 Cor. 12:13), and a man's sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ when he calls on the name (trusts by faith alone) the Lord to save him. - Col. 1:14
8. Christian's Work James 2:24	CoC err by taking Tribulation Doctrine written to the 12 Jewish tribes (James 1:1) and apply it to Church Age salvation.
9. Christian's Hope Romans 8:24	The CoC private interpretation of the phrase "saved by hope" is <i>not</i> the assurance of salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, it is nothing more than wishful thinking that their good works will help merit/earn their salvation.
10. Christian's Endurance Rev. 2:10	The CoC make a grave mistake of interpreting the "crown of life" as <i>an earned salvation</i> by being "faithful unto death" rather than this crown being <i>an earned reward</i> for the believer.

- III. There is *only one true* gospel (a free gift) today and all others result in the damnation of Hell. - Eph. 2:8-9; John 3:16-18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Gal. 1:8-12