

The Robison Street church of Christ IS NOT a Part of the United Church of Christ

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Some members of the Robison Street church of Christ have been asked if we are affiliated with the “United Church of Christ.” This is a logical question, and we appreciate the opportunity to address the matter publicly and thus distance ourselves from that very liberal religious organization.

The United Church of Christ is a relatively new denomination. It is the result of the union of four different denominations: the **Congregational Churches**, the **Christian Church**, the **Evangelical Synod**, and the **Reformed Church**. This four-way union became complete when a constitution was adopted at Philadelphia in July of 1961.

Members of the Robison Street church of Christ claim no ties with any modern day denomination. We are content to be just Christians, following the Bible as our only guide and source of authority. As such, we do not hold to the following beliefs that characterize the United Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ believes that God and His will are ever-changing. They see God as an ever-evolving God. They believe that the teachings of Scripture must be interpreted in light of current events, moral standards, and world views. They also look to things other than the Bible to supposedly hear God’s voice: the arts, political struggles, science, media, education, etc. The Bible teaches that God does not change (Mal. 3:6, Heb. 13:8) and that His will has been established forever (Ps. 119:89, Jude 3).

The United Church of Christ has an open policy towards homosexuals, ordains homosexuals, and is proud to be the first denomination in America to support same-sex marriage. The Bible teaches that homosexuality is a sin against nature that is deserving of punishment and renders one unable to inherit the kingdom of God (Rom. 1:26-27, 1 Cor. 6:9-11). The Bible also teaches that marriage is for one man and one woman for life (Matt. 19:3-6).

The United Church of Christ ordains women as leaders in their church. The Bible teaches that women are important members of a local church, but they are not allowed to teach or to have authority over men (1 Cor. 14:34-35, 1 Tim. 2:11-15).

The United Church of Christ believes in the validity of all baptisms, and will baptize infants, children, youth and adults. The Bible teaches that there is only one baptism (Eph. 4:5). This baptism is the immersion of penitent believers in water for the remission of their sins (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, 8:36-38).

These are just a few of the doctrines that are held by the United Church of Christ. It is a man-made religious organization that has a very liberal view toward God and His Word. While the name may be similar, we assure you that the Robison Street church of Christ is NOT a part of the United Church of Christ.

Feel free to contact us if you would like to know more about what we believe and teach. We are not ashamed of the things that we believe and practice, and would welcome any opportunity to discuss any questions that you may have.