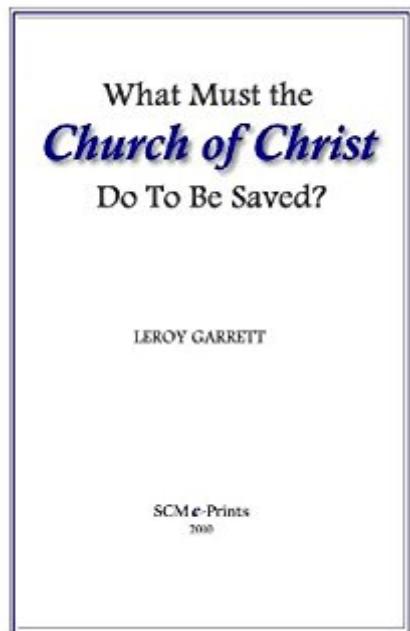


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# What Must The Church Of Christ Do To Be Saved?



## **Synopsis**

While not questioning in the least the genuineness of the faith or personal salvation of members of Churches of Christ, the author raises questions as to what these churches must do as a denomination, if that term be allowed, to be "saved" as a viable witness to the Christian faith in today's world. What must it do to save its own people from boredom, mediocrity, and irrelevance? What must it do to escape from its legalistic, sectarian, and isolationist past and become a meaningful part of the larger Christian world? What must it do to be true to the Bible and to its own heritage in the Stone-Campbell unity movement and become truly ecumenical, truly catholic, truly holy, and truly apostolic? Dr. Leroy Garrett is a graduate of Abilene Christian University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Harvard University where he earned the Ph.D. He is a retired professor of philosophy, history, and religion and has taught at several colleges, including Bethany College, Texas Woman's University, and Dallas Christian College. For thirty-four years he edited the monthly journal, Restoration Review, following six years as editor of Bible Talk. He is the author of The Stone-Campbell Movement, the story of the American Restoration Movement, published by College Press, and an autobiographical work, A Lover's Quarrel, published by A.C.U. Press. He has lectured at colleges and churches of all three traditions of the Stone-Campbell restoration movement and served on executive committees of both the World Convention of Churches of Christ and the European Evangelistic Society. In 1993, Pepperdine University presented him with the Distinguished Christian Service Award in recognition of his work in encouraging the reformation and renewal of the church • and his long years as an enthusiastic promoter of unity and openness in the Stone-Campbell Movement. • He continues to publish occasional essays under the title Soldier On! These may be found at [LeroyGarrett.org](http://LeroyGarrett.org), along with most of his other writings. Also now available from the Kindle Store by Leroy Garrett, "A Lover's Quarrel: My Pilgrimage of Freedom in Churches of Christ," published Dec. 27, 2011, by ACU Press (search for ASIN number: B006QQ0AWK).

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I have been a Christian and member of the church of Christ for many years. I've lived in many areas of the United States, attended many congregations of the church of Christ, and widely visited many others. I've seen many things the church does right, and areas where the church struggles. Brother Garret's book asks us to look at uncomfortable truths about ourselves. I quickly devoured the book and found myself heartily agreeing with about half and strongly disagreeing with about half. I felt the book started off strong with topics such as admitting we've been wrong sometimes and repenting of sometimes our divisive actions. Certainly Christians of any ilk are not gifted with perfect knowledge and should strive to be together in Christian unity, to act or think differently would be hypocritical. I appreciated the chapters about recovering our heritage and history revitalized through the Stone-Campbell movement and resurrecting the spirit of J.W. McGarvey (a personal favorite). The criticisms here are often, but not always, well landed and should serve as great conversation starters for self-examination. My wife and I have already been talking about various aspects this book brings up in long, detailed discussions that are very interesting and helpful. The second half of the book I still found very interesting and thought-provoking but the arguments here are markedly lacking compared to those earlier in the book. For instance, brother Garret asks us to cease being male-dominated. As with everything, each generation must re-examine Scripture to understand the truth revealed therein, and this is one area that is particularly controversial right now.

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