Here at the Country Club Road church of Christ we have one aim, to please God. Because of that we strive only to speak where the bible speaks, to call bible things by bible names, and to have God give authority for all that we do. In short, we are striving to simply Christians. Nothing more and nothing less.

This is because God is the not the author of confusion **(1 Corinthians 14:33)** and He has clearly made Himself known to us **(Romans 1:20; John 1:18).**

**What Christians are not:**

1. People who associate with a church
   1. **Jude 12-13** – These people where with a church but were not Christians.
   2. **Matthew 7:16-20 –** A Christian will be known by their fruit not only by their company. **(Matthew 26:73** *A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away.***)**
2. People who claim a personal relationship with Christ
   1. **Matthew 7:21-23** – Not everyone who claims to be a Christian is.
   2. **John 15:14** – A Christian is one who does the things Jesus has commanded. A Christian is a Christ follower. How can you claim that if you do not truly follow Him?
3. Simply “good” people
   1. **Romans 3:23** – All of us have the same problem, and by God’s standard not one of us is good. **(Luke 18:19** “No one is good but the father.”
   2. **Acts 10:1-2; 11:13-14** -Cornelius was a good man, but not saved.
   3. **Acts 19:1-5 -**They were following Jesus, by all human standards good people, not saved because they lacked knowledge.

**What Christians are:**

1. People who have obeyed the Gospel
   1. **Acts 2:37-42** – What shall we do?
   2. **Hebrews 5:8-9 –** All who obey, salvation!
   3. **Romans 6:3-4** -Die to self, live to God!
2. People who are Christ disciples
   1. Once you have been united with Christ in baptism you become a Christian, a Christ – follower, a disciple
   2. **Luke 9:23-24** – To be a disciple means to forsake everything for Jesus. Die to self!
   3. **John 8:31, 13:34-35, 15:8 –** Means abiding in His teaching, to grow in love, and to bring fruit to maturity.
3. People who are all in!
   1. **2 Timothy 4:7-8 –** Paul was committed!
   2. **Revelation 2:10 –** Principle applies to all believers. He is faithful, are we?

**The Simplicity of Christianity:**

1. Simple in belief
   1. **Jude 3 -**Once, never to be repeated
   2. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 –** Every good work it equips us for
   3. **2 Peter 1:3 –** Contains all we need
   4. Because of these wonderful truths, the bible all we believe.
2. Simple in worship
   1. **Colossians 3:16 –** We sing from the heart, and only from the heart, because God wants our hearts.
   2. **Acts 20:7 –** Lord’s Supper and Teaching
   3. **1 Corinthians 16:1-2 –** Collection to support the work of the Gospel
3. Simple in organization
   1. It is so simple I have only one verse for you
   2. **Philippians 1:1 –** Jesus, Elders, Deacons, Believers.

**Conclusion:**

God is not the author of confusion **(1 Corinthians 14:33)** that is why His faith which He has delivered through Christ is simple. It is for our benefit.

**“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9**

**Mark 16:16**