

Marks of Ownership

If you misplaced your keys and you were asked to identify them before taking possession: the key ring, how many keys, what type, color or any other unique characteristic.

In like manner, Jesus said, “I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). The fact that the church existed in the first century (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 1:2), is indication enough that Jesus did what he said he would do: and the church of Christ has existed ever since. Since there are many groups who lay claim to being the body of Christ, how can the true be distinguished from the false? It can only be determined through certain indicators that identify the right of ownership. If the church is truly the church Christ promised to build, then it will carry the marks of ownership in its doctrine, worship, work and mission. If you were asked to describe the characteristics of Christ’s church, what would you say? If you are unable to describe the marks of Christ’s ownership, as described in the scriptures, how do you know you are a part of the true? ret