

**SPIRITUAL TIMELINE AND HISTORY OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH -- WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN A SECT!**

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**WHO ARE PART OF THE TRUE CHURCH AND WHO ARE SECTS?** Acts 24:5, 14; 28:22 (Sect -- a branch that separates from a group)  
 The Church is "the pillar & ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15), a small flock (Lk. 12:32) keeps commandments & faith of Jesus (Rev. 14:12).

**OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY: NEED TO FIND "ROOTS" OF GOD'S TRUE WAY OF LIFE & FOLLOW IT (Jer. 6:16; Is. 8:20)**

**GROUPS ABOVE THE TIMELINE ARE NOT A SECT & ARE THE TRUE CHURCH – WHO KEEP COMMANDMENTS OF GOD (KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD – INCLUDES SABBATHS & HOLY DAYS (LEV. 23), FOOD LAWS & TITHING)**

Righteous Abel--first (Mt. 23:35)	Enoch (Heb. 11:5-32)	Noah & family pre-Flood world	Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Gen. 26:5	Joseph & others	Moses & others	Joshua	Judges & few other kings	David & few other kings	Prophets	Ezra & Nehemiah
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**GROUPS BELOW THE TIMELINE – ARE SECTS (from Gk. *haireisis*) -- APOSTASY – THEY LEFT COMMANDMENTS OF GOD**

Adam & Eve (Rom. 5:14)	Cain and his way of life (Jude 11)	Majority pre-Flood world	Nimrod Tower of Babel	Pagan religions of this world	Majority of first generation of Israelites	Solomon & majority of kings of Israel	House of Israel led into captivity	House of Judah taken into captivity – many Jews apostatize (2 K. 17:11-19)
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**NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY: GOD'S PEOPLE--WHO KEEP COMMANDMENTS & HAVE TESTIMONY OF JESUS (Rev. 12:17)**

John Baptist Jesus Christ (Mt. 7:14) Narrow Way	Apostles & Church the	Policarp Papias, Polycrates	Nazarenes keep God's laws	Constantine of Mananali (650's) leader of Paulicians	Some Paulicians and Bogomils keep Sabbath	Peter de Bruys Peter Waldo & some Anabaptists	Steven Mumford brings Sabbath to New World	19 <sup>th</sup> Century Church of God 7th Day 1995 & others	Worldwide Church of God until 1995 & others	United Church of God & other COGs
	Ephesian Era	Smyrna Era	Pergamos Era	Thyatira Era	Sardis Era	Philadelphia Era	?			

**(BELOW THE TIMELINE: SECTS THAT WERE FORMED DURING NEW TESTAMENT PERIOD AND UP TO THIS DAY)**

Majority of Jews rejected Christ & left truth	End of 1st Century - Much of the Church apostatizes	Formation Roman Church & other sects Synod of Laodicea prohibits Sabbath-keeping	Nicean Council (AD 325) consolidates Catholic Church rule 29 (364 AD)	Dark Ages True Church persecuted by Catholic Church (ca 325-1585)	False Church rides European Beast (Pope & Emperor) persecution	Many apostatize due to fierce persecution	Protestant movement many Waldensians adopt Sunday Trinity	Many Ana- Baptists adopt Trinity	Many Baptists 7th day biblical truths taught by HWA (1 Jn. 2:3-5, 21)	1995 - majority WCG reject apostatize through the false teachings of successors in WCG
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