“Each One of Us Shall Give Account of Himself”
Romans 14:11-12

Introduction:
A. The New Testament emphasizes individual accountability.
   1. Each one will be judged according to his works. (2 Cor. 5:10)
   2. Not “well done good and faithful church” (cf. Matt. 25:21)
B. Christianity is primarily an individual matter.
   1. Each Individual establishing and maintaining a proper relationship to the Lord.
   2. Each person is accountable to God for his life.
C. The individual is often forgotten in our over-emphasis on people in mass.
   1. Tend to think of the “lost world” rather than “lost persons.”
   2. Tend to depersonalize “church” problems and responsibilities.
D. Let us take a person from a lost soul to the judgment and see where church fits in to his personal accountability.

Discussion:
II. He Becomes an Individual Disciple of Christ.
A. He submits to the authority of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38).
B. He commits himself to obey Christ in all things.
   1. To worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24)
   2. To abound in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).
C. He is a Christian (Acts 11:26).
D. He and others like him added together make up the “church.” (Acts 2:47)
   1. Added to them (Acts 2:41).
   3. If saved in “right church”

III. He Joins Himself to Other Disciples Near Him. (Acts 9:26)
A. He obligates himself to support the activities of the group.
B. He is still individually responsible for his actions.
   1. Merely joining with other disciples for collective work.
   2. Each responsible for his part in collective work (Eph. 4:16).
C. He meets regularly with them for worship and mutual edification (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 12-14).
   1. Yet he is still responsible for his own worship.
   2. Yet his is still responsible of his own edification.
D. These groups of disciples are called churches (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:1).
   1. Made of individual disciples banded together for collective action.
   2. Overseen by men from their own group (1 Pet. 5:1-4).
   3. The “right church” is where one can acceptably serve God joined to other Christians.

Conclusion:
1. Each is responsible for himself.
2. Each will be judged by his standing before God, not others.