

The Frankenchurch

I. Introduction: The idea for the title of this lesson comes from the novels and movies about Frankenstein. Such was about an obsessed scientist that assembled a living creature from body parts of exhumed corpses.

A. The church is made up of living saints that represent different roles and parts of the local body of Christ (**I Corinthians 12:12-27**).

1. At some point, a local congregation has to be started in a city. It is started as a beginning of the Lord's work in a city (**Acts 18:7-11**). A congregation is NOT just a group of people to assemble with for worship (https://www.wordsoftruth.net/wotarticle_vol18_11262017.html; <https://www.wordsoftruth.net/wotvol17/wotbulletin07162017.html>; etc.).

2. Members are members of one another (**Romans 12:4-5**).

3. We are to be one body (**Colossians 3:15**).

4. How could a member, without the Lord's authority, remove parts (self or others) of the Lord's body and think that is okay (**I Corinthians 10:16-17** and **I Corinthians 11:16-19**)?

B. Thinking about those whom are spiritually dead (**I Timothy 5:6**).

1. Restoration is the only way to be alive again (**Luke 15:11-32**).

2. Once a person is withdrawn from, put away, he or she is in Satan's camp unless restored (**I Corinthians 5:1-13** and **II Corinthians 2:1-11**).

3. When a saint errs and is dead, he or she must come back to spiritual life (**Ephesians 5:14**).

4. This was NEVER accomplished by starting a new congregation! What is an action that occurs without Scriptural authority to do such (**Deuteronomy 4:2**, **Proverbs 30:5-6**, **Galatians 1:6-10**, **Ephesians 5:10**, and **Colossians 3:17**)?

II. Body: Frankenchurches Are Born By Disciples Being Drawn Away (**Acts 20:30**).

A. They will go to great lengths to create their own disciples (**Matthew 23:15**).

1. We have to expose them, for they "creep in" [they often steer clear of open, honest discussion; study] (**II Timothy 3:1-9** and **Jude 1:3-4**).

2. They convincingly entice, beguile (**II Corinthians 11:1-15**, **Colossians 2:4-8**, **II Timothy 2:14-18**, and **II Peter 2:17-22**).

3. Their goal is to get their own followers (**Acts 5:36-37** and **Acts 21:38**).

B. They will "leave" or "remove their membership" to avoid "congregational discipline" (**II Thessalonians 3:6-15**).

1. Where is that idea in the Scriptures (**Revelation 22:18-19**)?

2. The Lord adds (**Acts 2:47**) and removes (**II John 1:9**; cf. **I John 1:3-7**).

3. Further ignorance comes from the idea of thinking "withdrawing" is only a matter of congregational action (**I Timothy 6:3-5** and **II Timothy 3:1-5**).

C. They will go and start that Frankenchurch from spiritually dead people to create a new, unauthorized body of dead saints (**Jude 1:11-19**).

1. Did the Lord allow Korah [Core] to do that (**Numbers 16:1-35**)?
2. Jeroboam the son of Nebat is the pattern that Frankenchurches are following (**I Kings 12:25-33**).
3. How far can this go before they are lost without the opportunity for repentance (**Revelation 2:20-24**)?
4. An existing body, with a name, doesn't mean that is a living body even if it didn't start out of division (**Revelation 3:1**).
5. How could anyone, with any amount of biblical knowledge, conclude that something good could be born out of division amongst saints (**Proverbs 6:12-19, Ezekiel 14:7-8, Mark 3:24-25, Luke 6:43-46, Romans 16:17-18, I Corinthians 1:10, I Corinthians 3:1-3, Galatians 5:19-21, and Titus 3:9-11**)?

III. Conclusion: The right mindset is to fix the problems rather than go and start some dead body of sinners (**Matthew 5:23-24, Acts 15:1-35, and Ephesians 4:1-6**).