

The Oologah Informer

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Jesus Has Only One Church!

Part 1 of 2

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Why are there so many denominations?

JESUS BUILT ONLY ONE CHURCH! Have you ever wondered why there are so many denominations in the "Christian" religion? If there is only one God, and only one Lord Jesus Christ, and only one Bible, why are there so many denominations? Each of these groups have doctrines and traditions that are peculiar to that particular denomination. Did you know that the Bible strictly condemns this practice? While some suggest that it is not possible or necessary for all to believe the same things and teach the same things, God has commanded precisely that.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"

If every denomination rejected their peculiar doctrines and traditions to follow only the New Testament pattern for the church and faith, how many confessions would there be? Only one! Would we not then be obeying the part of the Holy Scriptures we have just read?

One leader in a traditional denominational church asked, "Why should we go back to the Bible pattern?" In his conversation he made his belief clear, It does not matter if we change the church to satisfy our traditions.' No effort was made to show where the practices or organization of this denomination are found in the New Testament, but simply to say it really doesn't make a difference.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Why is it important to follow only the New Testament pattern for the church? To understand this, we must first recognize that we will be judged for eternity based entirely upon what is written in the New Testament. Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). The teaching of the New Testament is the message of Jesus Christ. Although he did not teach all things while he was on the earth, the inspired apostles

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Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

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and writers wrote the words of Christ after he ascended into heaven. The Old Testament was written at the direction of the Holy Spirit.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:20-21).

So, the New Testament was given by the Holy Spirit also.

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come," (John 16:12-13).