

United in Christ

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Jesus prayed that those who would be His followers would be united (John 17:20-21). If Jesus' followers were united, then the world would know He was from God. The Bible says we must have a "thus saith the Lord" for all we do in religion. In other words, we must be able to give book, chapter and verse to show what we do in the name of the Lord is indeed found in the New Testament and approved by Christ (Colossians 3:17).

It is very obvious to any serious Bible student that God condemns religious division (1 Corinthians 1:10). We cannot be united if we do not stand on the same foundation, and that foundation is Christ and His teaching (1 Corinthians 3:11). The church of Christ is built upon that one foundation. The Bible says that "Christ is the head of the church" which is His body (Ephesians 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). If Jesus were the head of hundreds of different bodies or churches, what kind of monstrosity would that be? Can you picture that?

Jesus only promised to built His church (Matthew 16:18). The church of Christ was built on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem in AD 30 when Peter preached the first gospel sermon telling those people what they must do in order to be saved (Acts 2:37-41; 47).

In contrast to the church of Christ, each denomination was founded by a different man (or woman), at a different time in history and at a different place, (other than Jerusalem). Each denomination wears a different name. Each one teaches a different doctrine. Therefore, how can they all be the ONE true church of Christ?

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Whose side are you on? Do you desire to be on the Lord's side (Exodus 32:26) and be united with Christ, or do you prefer to be in a man-made church and be divided or separated from Christ? There are new denominations springing up all the time and folks will think that is a good thing. I heard a preacher, in a prayer a few years ago, thank God for all the many different churches in the world today. He was actually encouraging religious division. This is absolutely shameful!

Jesus said every plant which God did not plant "shall be rooted up" (Matthew 15: 9-14). That means destroyed. Friends, He was talking about false religions, not weeds.

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