

Why
We.....?

- *Fundamental Studies*
- *Why Believe...*
- *Why we Practice...*
- *Why we Don't...*





Topics

- ✓ **Thursday:** *Why we believe it makes a difference what one believes*
- ✓ **Friday:** *Why we believe Jesus was raised from the dead*
- ✓ **Saturday:** *Why we believe there is just one church*
- ✓ **Sunday Class:** *Why we believe miracles have ceased*
- ✓ **Sunday AM:** *Why we believe hell is real and eternal*
- ✓ **Sunday PM:** *Why we do not believe once saved always saved*

Why We...?

We Believe There is
only one Church



Common Concept

- Makes no difference what one believes / practices
- All churches are good
- One Church is as good as another
- Which church is a matter of personal choice



What is The Church?



People

Acts 8:3

As for Saul, he made havoc of the **church**, entering every house, and dragging off **men and women**, committing them to prison.



What is The Church?



People Who Are Saved



Acts 2:47

Eph. 2:16

Eph. 5:23

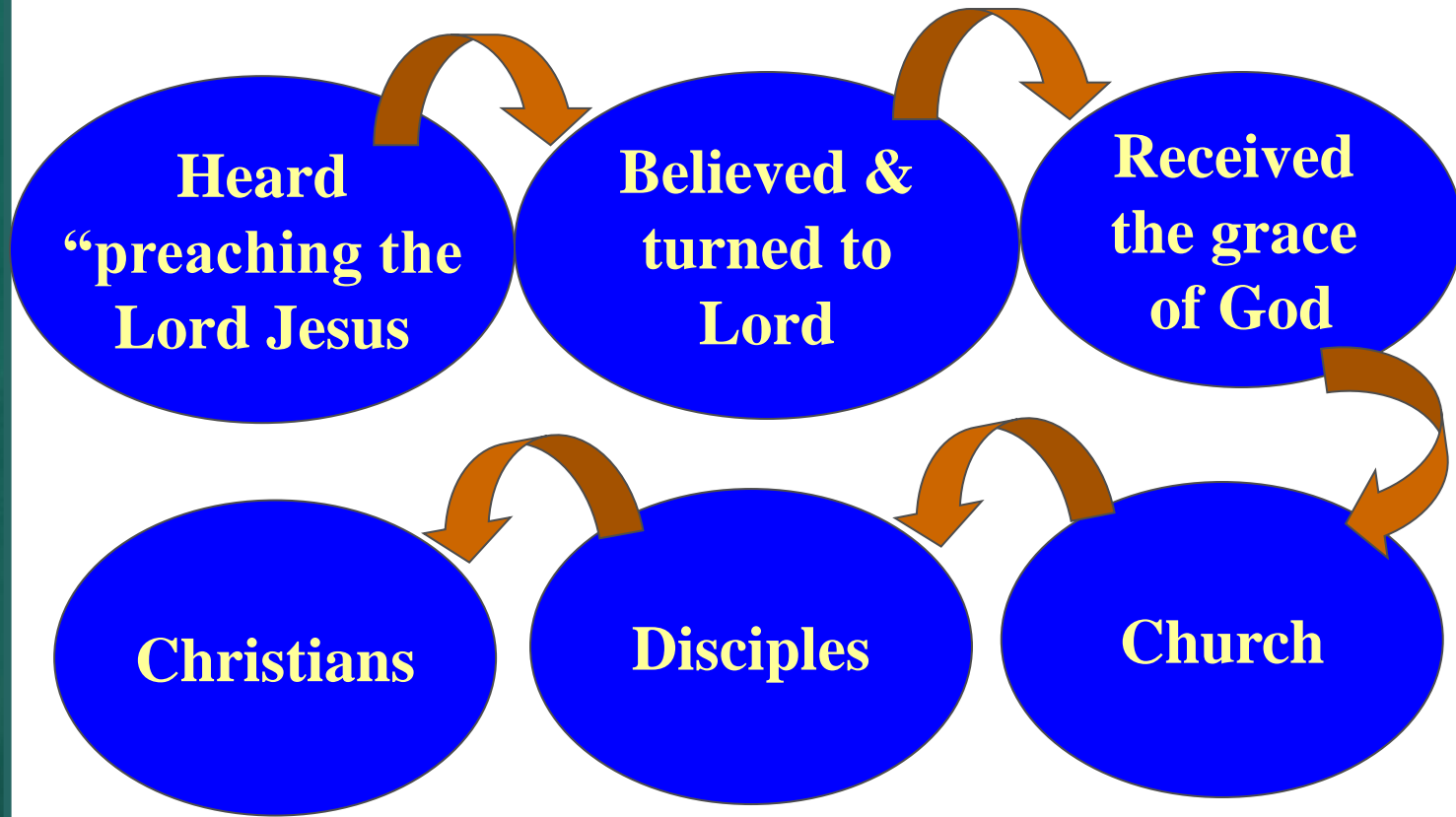
Terms of entrance - Same



What is
The
Church?



Acts 11



What is The Church?



People
Who Are Saved

Church (*Gk: Ekklesia*)

Out of To Call

Those Who have been called out:

- By the Gospel (2 Thess. 2:14)
- Out of sin into salvation (Eph. 2)
- Out of darkness into light (1 Pet. 2:9)

What is
The
Church?



People
Who Are Saved

Church = Family of God

1 Tim 3:15

but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

We Believe There is only one church

1. Jesus Only Promised one Church

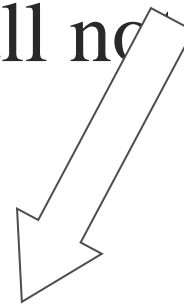


Jesus
only
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one
Church



Matt 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build My church,
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail
against it.



Church = Singular in number

Jesus
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One
Church



Every Prophecy of Church / Kingdom - One

- **Isa. 2:1-4** Lord's house (not houses)
- **Dan. 2:44** A kingdom (not kingdoms)
- **Dan. 7:13-14** A kingdom (not kingdoms)
- **Micah 4:1** Lord's house (not houses)
- **Matt. 4:13** Gospel of the kingdom (not kingdoms)
- **Mark 9:1** Kingdom come with power (not kingdoms)
- **Matt. 6:10** Thy kingdom come (not kingdoms)



We Believe There is only one church

- I. Jesus Only Promised One Church
- II. The Bible Says There is Just One



The Bible
Says
There is
Just one



**“There is one body”
(Eph. 4:4)**

**Body = church
(1:22-23)**

**Thus:
ONE CHURCH**



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One Body

- Rom. 12:4-5 – many members in **one body**
- 1 Cor. 10:17 – one bread and **one body**
- 1 Cor. 12:12 – members of the **one body**
- 1 Cor. 12:13 – baptized into **one body**
- Eph. 2:16 – reconciled in **one body**
- Col. 3:15 – called in **one body**



We Believe There is only one church

- I. Jesus Only Promised One Church
- II. The Bible Says There is Just One
- III. The Bible is Silent About Churches



The Bible
is Silent
About
Churches



*There Is No Passage
That Says Anything
About
Churches
or
Denominations*

*If The Bible Is Silent
Then,
It Is Not
The Will of God*

1 Pet. 4:11

Heb. 7:14

2 Tim. 4:1-2

*If Churches Are In The
Bible,
Where is passage?*

We Believe There is only one church

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- IV. It Makes a Difference What One Believes

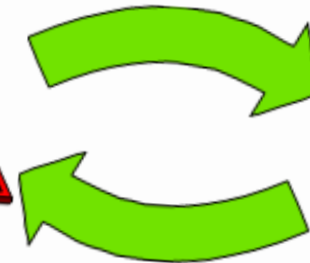


Lesson 1:

It Makes
A
Difference
What One
Believes

There
Is
An
Objective
Standard

- A. Objective – vs – subjective Standards
- B. Word of God is the Objective Standard
 1. *What is written (2 Cor. 4:13)*
 2. *Oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11)*
 3. *Commandments of God (1 Cor. 14:37)*
 4. *Word of God (1 Thess. 2:13)*
 5. *Inspired Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16-17)*
 6. *Words chosen by Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:9-13)*



**Makes A
Difference
What - Believe**



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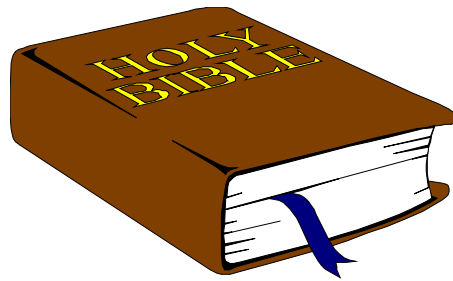
It is
Possible
To
Believe
a Lie &
Be Lost

- A. Young Prophet Believed a Lie – Punished (1 Kings 13)
- B. Those Who Believe a Lie – Perish (2 Thess. 2:10-12)

| Lie | Truth |
|---|---|
| Deceived (v.10) Not love truth (v. 10) Deluded (v. 11) Believe lie (v. 11) Not believe truth (v. 12) Pleasure in <u>unright.</u> (v. 12) | Love truth (v. 10) Believe truth (v. 12) |
| ↓ Perish (v. 10) Condemned (v. 12) | ↓ Saved (v. 10) |

It Makes
A
Difference
What One
Believes

If It Makes A Difference What One
Believes:



- One church is not as good as another
- A church must follow the pattern (Heb. 8:5)
- A church must practice what is in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9)



We Believe There is only one church

- I. Jesus Only Promised One Church
- II. The Bible Says There is Just One
- III. The Bible is Silent About Churches
- IV. It Makes a Difference What One Believes
- V. Division is Wrong



Division
IS
Wrong

Jesus Prayed For Unity (John 17:20-21)

Paul Condemned it (1 Cor. 1:10)

Contrary to doctrine (Rom. 16:17-18)



Division

IS

Wrong

Denominationalism Is Division

Defined:

“The act of naming. 2. A name; designation. 3. The name of a class or group; classification”
(AHD, 381)

Illustrated:



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\$ 5
\$ 10
\$ 20
\$ 50
\$ 100

1. Division
2. One is as good as another
3. No wrong choices

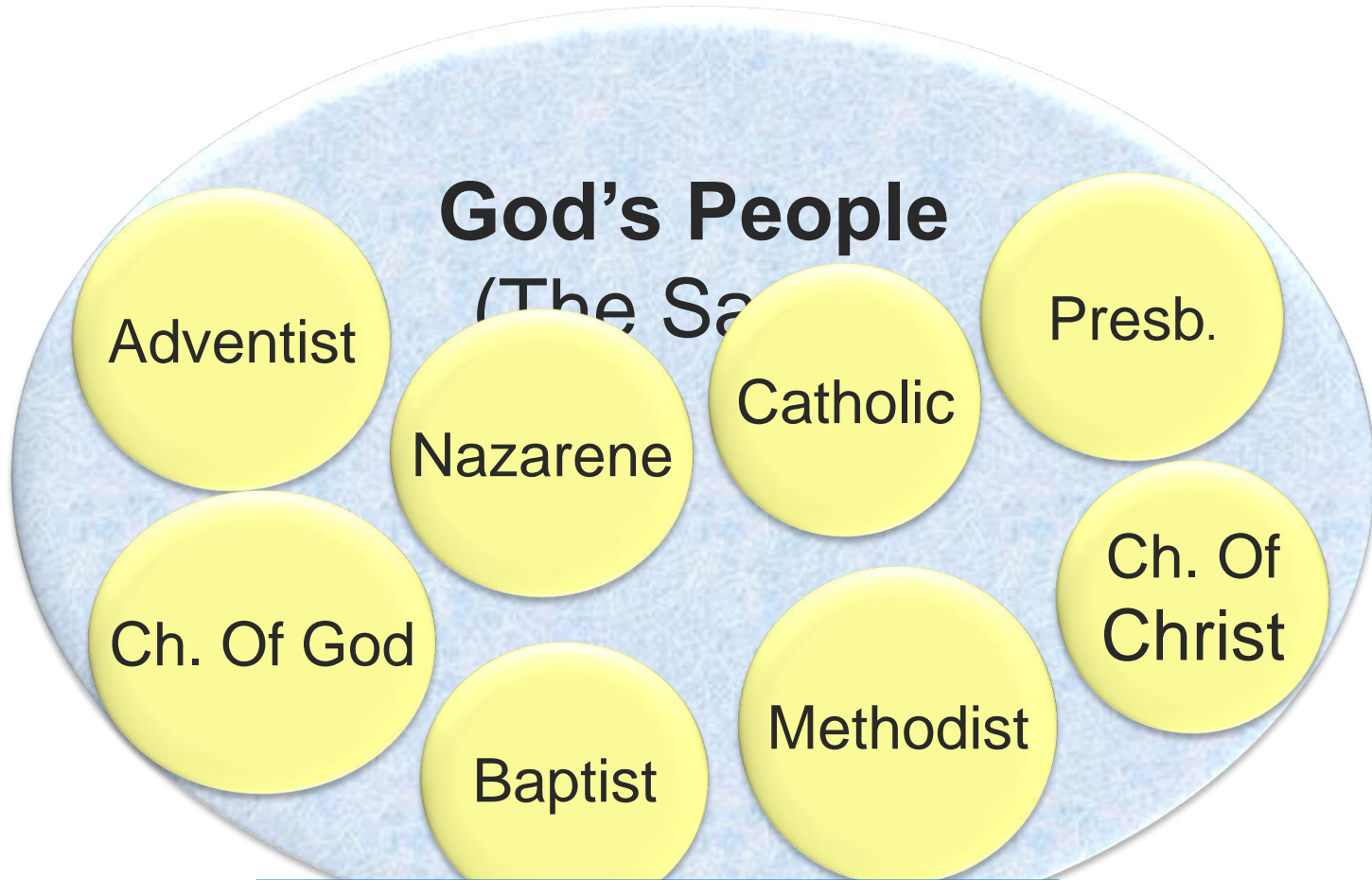


Concept of Denominationalism

Division

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1. Division
2. One is as good as another
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Division

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Denominationalism Is Wrong

1. **Not found in the Bible** (1 Pet. 4:11)
2. **Contrary to pleas for unity** (John 17:20-21; 1 Cor. 1:10)
3. **It makes a difference what one believes** (2 Thess. 2:10-12)
4. **Contrary to idea of “one body”** (Eph. 4:4)



Division

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There is a Difference

Denominational

*Idea: God's people are divided into various sects
To be in a denomination – subscribe to creed, et. al.*

Non- Denominational

*Church is not a part of any denomination
The church is singular*

Inter - Denominational

*Idea: we accept any and all.
All believe different things – but worship together*

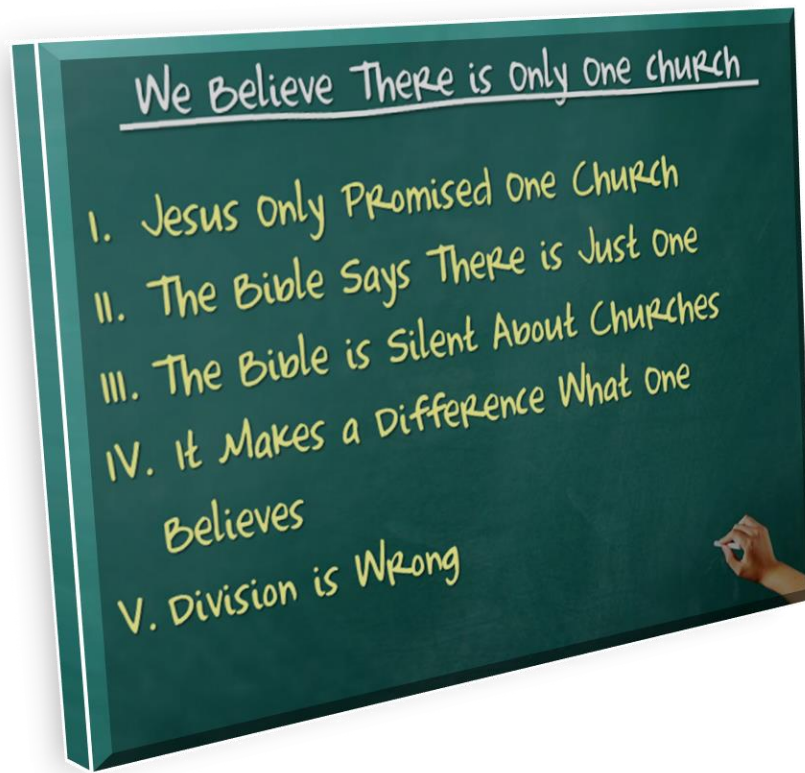


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What Does All This Mean?



1. That you must be in the one church to be saved
2. Leave / renounce denominationalism

