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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH DENOMINATIONALISM"

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IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH DENOMINATIONALISM?

(John 17:20-23)

It that for which Jesus prayed.

A. Jesus prayed for and commanded _____ for those that followed Him.

1. The only way that unity can be achieved is by _____ on the same principles.
2. Those principles come from the One who _____ them and brought them into existence through His death.

B. As clearly as we can see Jesus prayed for unity, we can see that denominationalism results in _____.

1. Some teach different means of _____.
2. On top of that, each denomination exists _____ from the others.
3. They wear different _____ and believe in different things.

It _____ biblical teaching about the oneness of the church.

A. The Bible plainly teaches that there is one church _____ to Jesus.

1. Jesus _____ to build His church (Matthew 16:18).
2. Paul said there is “one _____” (Ephesians 4:4-6) and that is “the _____” (Colossians 1:23).

B. Jesus is the _____ of that body (Ephesians 1:22-23).

It _____ the authority of the scriptures.

A. From the beginning of recorded worship, God's word has always been the _____ of authority for acts of worship.

B. Just as the differing beliefs set denominations apart from one another, those differences also set them apart from God's _____.

It makes the Lord the _____ of confusion.

A. Think about all the different beliefs in various denominations and then think about the fact that they all claim to _____ to Jesus.

B. _____, which Jesus was and is, is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33).

C. He would have to be in order for denominationalism to be _____.

D. With all of this confusion, it is easy to see why people get _____ off to the Bible and religion in general.

It is sinful because it _____ matter what one believes.

A. To accept or defend denominationalism makes one assume or _____ that it does not matter what one believes, teaches or practices concerning God.

B. If denominationalism is fine, then doctrines and beliefs that _____ each other are fine.

C. The truth is, it does matter what one believes _____.

D. Jesus taught that no matter how _____ a person may be, if he/she does not do the will of the Father he/she will be lost (Matthew 7:21-23).

E. Paul wrote that those who don't _____ the gospel are lost (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Would You Have Given Up on Corinth?

David Sproule

Can you imagine trying to spread the gospel in the city of Corinth in New Testament times? How challenging and even discouraging would that have been? Think about how that wicked city must have been so prone to reject the message of salvation, which called for repenting from the vileness that was that capital city.

This strategically located city along major trade routes made it a thriving center for travel and commerce in the known world at that time. This highly-trafficked port city was widely known for its wealth and splendor. However, it was perhaps better known for its idolatry, immorality and abundant vices. As a “melting pot” population of folks from “everywhere,” all the evils from “everywhere” found their way to this notoriously perverted city. To be called a “Corinthian” in those days (whether one was from Corinth or not) was often a term of derision, to accuse one of sexually immoral, lascivious and reckless living.

Now, imagine again trying to take the gospel to this environment and how those dwelling there must have responded to the “stories” (in their minds) about a Jewish man named “Jesus.” Do you suppose that there may have been attempts to quiet the Christians and even run them off? When you think about it in this context, there’s really not a tremendous difference between ancient Corinth and modern America. Read through the first half of this article again with that thought in mind. Preaching about faith, repentance, immersion, commitment, sacrifice would not have been popular then, and it doesn’t seem popular today. The message of the gospel of Jesus is being rejected and even targeted for elimination today. So, how should we respond? With the same confidence that characterized Paul in Corinth!

In these difficult circumstances, the Lord spoke to Paul in Acts 18:9-10 (imagine Him saying this to you today): “Do not be afraid” (are we afraid sometimes?). “But speak” (is that difficult?). “And do not keep silent” (is that easy?). “For I am with you” (are there any better words we could hear?). Was it possible that Paul was on the verge of “giving up”? Was he, perhaps, ready to pack it in and say, “Oh, well, enough is enough. I tried, but they’re just not interested”? If he was, these words of assurance from the Lord kept him going. The very next verse says, “And he continued...teaching the word of God among them” (18:11).

Brethren, no matter how much the good news may be rejected and targeted today, may we find assurance in the Lord’s promise to us and continue teaching the word of God!