

Denominationalism Is Sinful
(John 17:20-21)

I. Denominationalism is sinful because it denies unity.

- A. Jesus prayed for His followers to be one (John 17:20-21).
- B. Paul wrote to the Ephesians and commanded them to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:4).
- C. He then wrote the seven one's of unity.
- D. This passage teaches there is one body.
- E. This passage teaches there is one baptism.
- F. This is all to be kept in the bond of peace.

II. Denominationalism is sinful because it defies authority.

- A. Colossians 3:17 is extremely important.
- B. We are to have authority for everything we do in religion.
- C. The Bible is clear that those things that are acceptable to God must be authorized by Him.
 - 1. Ask _____ and _____.
 - 2. Ask _____.
- D. The only way to know if something is authorized is to go to His word.
- E. Every denomination that does not teach baptism is necessary for the remission of sins fails to follow the Bible.
- F. Every denomination that allows things in worship that are not authorized fails to follow the Bible.
- G. The name that is worn must be authorized.

III. Denominationalism is sinful because it defends iniquity.

- A. Someone might say "We condemn sin in my denomination."
- B. Any body of people that practices division defends iniquity.
- C. Almost all denominations teach some false doctrine about how one is saved.
- D. When a doctrine allows sin in the lives of people, it defends iniquity.