

#254

Church V/S Denomination

Colossians 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

1Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

The church is the BODY OF CHRIST, we are all one in Christ Jesus. There is not supposed to be any deviation among you. No high priest because Jesus is our high priest, the mediator between God and man. Why do you think the scriptures say that through Christ we can enter in to the Holy of Holies and we are to come boldly, not as beggers?

1Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The Church believes the entire word of God, pretty well **ALL** Denominations, disbelieve some part or portion of the bible.

The first church (these were our examples) met in houses, outside or in public meeting places.

Acts 20:20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his

own blood.

Romans 16:5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1Corinthians 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1Corinthians 16:19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

It wasn't long before Satan figured out that divide and conquer was the way to go, so he stirred up the carnal to say the christians have to obey the law as well.

Acts 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

In Revelation, the Lord reveals that one of the first denominational forms was the Nicolaitans, amongst other things, they adhered to the priesthood.

Revelation 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

Now most denominations HAVE the CHURCH in them (body of Christ believers) BUT they are hindered in their growth because of the denominations doctrine. You have to have fellowship with other Christians, but do not be sucked into there watered down beliefs and practices. The scribes and the Pharisees in the bible were prime examples of todays denominations.

Over the last few decades, there has been many that have sensed the need to unite the church to its original state and this includes myself.

Unfortunately there are some prominent evangelical ministers that that uniting the denominations is uniting the Church.

WRONG

The only thing that will unite is the one world church headed by the False Prophet described in Revelation. **chapter 16, 19 & 20**

I received a couple of DVD video's the other day about seven evangelical ministers having a meeting with the new pope. If you read chapter 17 of Revelation, The mother of harlots referred to in this chapter is believed by most bible scholars, to be this new pope and the vatican in Rome.

Anyway these seven evangelicals all said that the protestant move started by Martin Luther is dead, as we are all one now and there should be no division anymore. Five of these evangelicals was no surprise as they have compromised the gospel for many, many years. The sixth one is a very prominent evangelist that I used to listen to and enjoy, but over the last 20 years the Holy Spirit has shown me many doctrinal changes in his ministry so I wasn't totally shocked. But the seventh couple has totally shocked me.

2Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

I wondered how they could become so deceived? What came to my spirit was, because of riches, when a ministry grows the person is dependent on God. But as he enlarges their ministry, the money flows in and they close out any outside guidance or correction. They hire people that open the mail and unless it is money or a praise report for the minister, it is considered from a kook and never brought to the attention of where it was

intended. In other words they get so wrapped up in what THEY are doing and not what God is doing. God don't share his glory with anyone.

God promises he will come for *his church* before the hour of temptation to try all the inhabitant that are left.

1Timothy 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Mans church

Believing and adhering to your denominational doctrine will not keep you out of heaven, only unbelief in Jesus and his death and resurrection guarantees that. God is a just judge.

Luke 12:47-48 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Are you ready, watching and waiting for his return for his church.

Bro. Ken

<http://burningbushcrusades.com/>