

Who We Are

Christians

Not some brand of Christians.

Not Christians plus something else.

We've no denominational affiliation, no governing association. We wear only the name of Jesus Christ, glorify Him alone in our name, acknowledge Him alone as our governing head.

Colossians 3:17 ; Galatians 6:14 ; 1 Peter 4:14-16

What We Believe

The Bible

Not part of the Bible—all of it.

And the Bible alone.

We've no creed, no catechism. We preach, we teach, we read, we recommend, we seek to know and live just the words God gave—all of them.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ; 2 John 9 ; Revelation 22:18-19

What We Offer

Spirituality

Preaching that convicts, exhorts, instructs and encourages.

Bible classes that are practical, informative and stimulating for all ages.

An atmosphere for building better character and nurturing better homes.

Worship that is spirited, reverent, God-centered.

A spiritual family committed to God, to each other, to evangelism, to a heavenly hope.

2 Timothy 4:2 ; 1 Peter 4:11 ; Romans 12:9-13

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By Doy Moyer

Religion seems so confusing. Look around and you'll see hundreds of church buildings with various names. Investigate further and you'll find that these various churches teach very different doctrines. If you are like many people, you might be fed up with everything that is done in the name of religion. People are tired of the confusion. Which church is right? How does a person know what to do and where to go? Whom shall we believe? It seems hopeless sometimes.

The divisions that exist in the religious world do not represent what God wants. Jesus prayed, concerning all believers, "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:21).

Jesus prayed for unity among believers, and the apostles taught the need for unity. Paul urged disciples to be "diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). We are to teach, serve, and grow "until we all attain to the unity of the faith" (Eph. 4:13), which is a mark of spiritual maturity. Paul also wrote, "Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Col. 3:14-15).

Therefore, when we see the religious world full of divisions (which includes denominationalism) among those professing faith in Christ, then we know it is not what Jesus wants, nor is it what the apostles taught. We recognize that the unity disciples seek ought to be founded upon the teachings of Christ's word, not upon our own desires. We also recognize that there will be various independent local

churches, which the New Testament well shows. That is different from denominational divisions.

Sadly, the consequences of divisions result in the world disbelieving in Jesus. This is what Jesus said would happen.

Is It Possible To Be Just A Christian Without Being A Member Of A Denomination?

The common thought is that if you are a member of any church, then you must be a member of a denomination. This is not true for the simple reason that denominations were not a part of apostolic teaching. It is possible to be just a Christian without being a member of a denomination if we follow what they taught.

Read the New Testament. During the first century A.D., when the events of the New Testament were taking place, there were not a bunch of various denominations. There were Christians in various locations. In their own locations, they would meet with other Christians in order to carry out work that God desired for them to do together. When people became Christians, they did not have to become anything else (which usually requires a hyphen attached to "Christian"). A Christian was just that (Acts 11:26), and there is nothing in the Bible to support the idea of joining a denomination. In fact, God directly spoke against fragmenting off into various groups and identifying with certain creeds or men. The apostle Paul wrote:

"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me

concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Cephas,' or 'I am of Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Corinthians 1:10-13).

Christians at Corinth were beginning to divide themselves and call themselves after men. This was expressly forbidden. Why should we think it any different today, whether it be within a local congregation or in any other setting? God wants Christians, not Paulites, or Cephans, or some other name not even remotely found in Scripture.

Denominationalism is based upon division, and is therefore not what God designed. God designed a simple plan, wherein there would be "one body" (universally) and "one faith" (Ephesians 4:1-6). When we divide ourselves by men and doctrines into differing religious bodies with differing "faiths," we are not honoring God's plan for His people, the church. This is why we must oppose denominationalism.

How Can I Be Just A Christian?

You can be just a Christian, nothing more or less, by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ through faith (Romans 6:3-5, 17-18; 10:13-17; Hebrews 5:9; Galatians 3:26-27, etc.). By doing what the people in the first century did to become Christians, you will, by God's grace, become exactly what they were—nothing more, nothing less. You can be what God has called us all to be. Locally, we can be a congregation working together in unity, diligently striving to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Together, we can be the united body for which the Lord died.