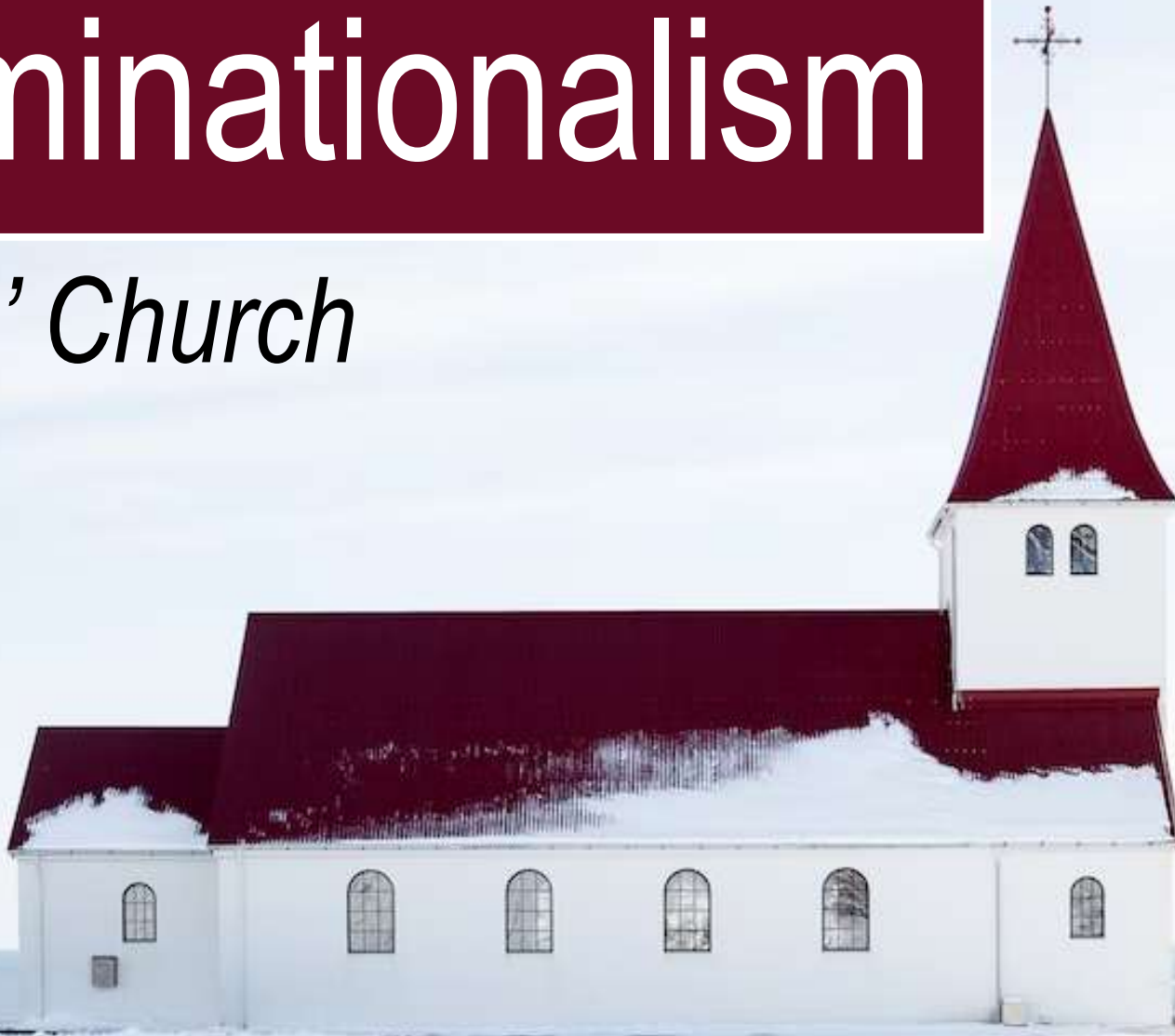


# Denominationalism

*And Jesus' Church*



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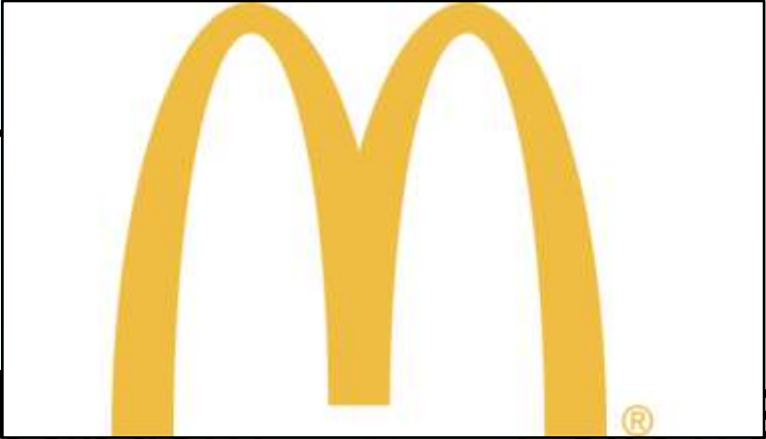
# Local Church

All the saved – Eph. 5:25

Local Christians – 1 Cor. 1:2

One body – Eph

churches – Rom. 16:16



Fellowship through  
1 Cor. 12:13

Fellowship thru trust and  
knowledge – Acts 9:26



Where does the denomination concept fit? Does it belong?

# Fracturing of Fellowship

John 17:20-23

Philippians 1:27, Ephesians 4:1-6

Galatians 1:6-9



# Violation of Independence

1 Peter 5:1-4, Acts 14:23

Revelation 2-3



# Loyalty to People

1 Corinthians 1:12-13

Mark 7:5-8





“It is not likely we should all see eye to eye. You cannot make a dozen watches all tick to the same time, much less a dozen men all think the same thoughts. But still, if we should all bow our thoughts to that one written Word, and would own no authority but the Bible, the church could not be divided. It could not be cut in pieces as she is now. We come together when we come to the Word of God.”

- Charles Spurgeon

(*Spurgeon At His Best*, p. 32)





# Acts 11:19-23

*Preach* – **Jesus as**  
*Turn to* –  
*Be loyal to* – **Lord**

