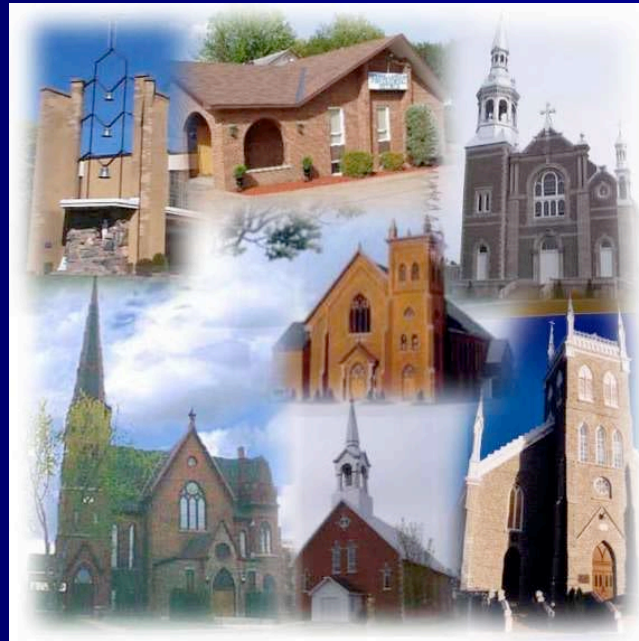


Following Jesus Without Denominationalism



“that they all may be one”

John 17:20-23



What Is Wrong With Denominationalism?

Many who love Jesus often wonder...

- Why are there so many denominations?
- 45,000 denominations, over 2 forming every day?
- Can't followers of Jesus learn to get along?
- Does denominational division really matter?
- What can be done about religious division?
- Is it possible to be simply a Christian, to follow Jesus without being a member of a denomination?



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Why is denominationalism wrong...?

- It is un-scriptural *Ac 20:17,28; 1Pe 5:1-2*
- It is anti-scriptural *Jn 17:20-23; 1Co 1:10-13; Ep 2:14-16*
- It is harmful to the cause of Christ *Jn 17:21,23*
 - “that the world may believe that You sent Me”
 - “that the world might know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me”

Denominationalism hinders many people from believing in God and Jesus!



The Way Out Of Religious Division

Consider the example of Jesus...

- The Law of Moses was still in effect
- In 1500 B.C. there were just Israelites
- In Jesus' day there were religious factions
(Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Herodians, Zealots, etc.)
- What was Jesus? Simply an Israelite!
- If Jesus lived today, what would He be?
- Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, etc.?
- He would be simply a Christian! *Ac 11:26; 1Pe 4:16*

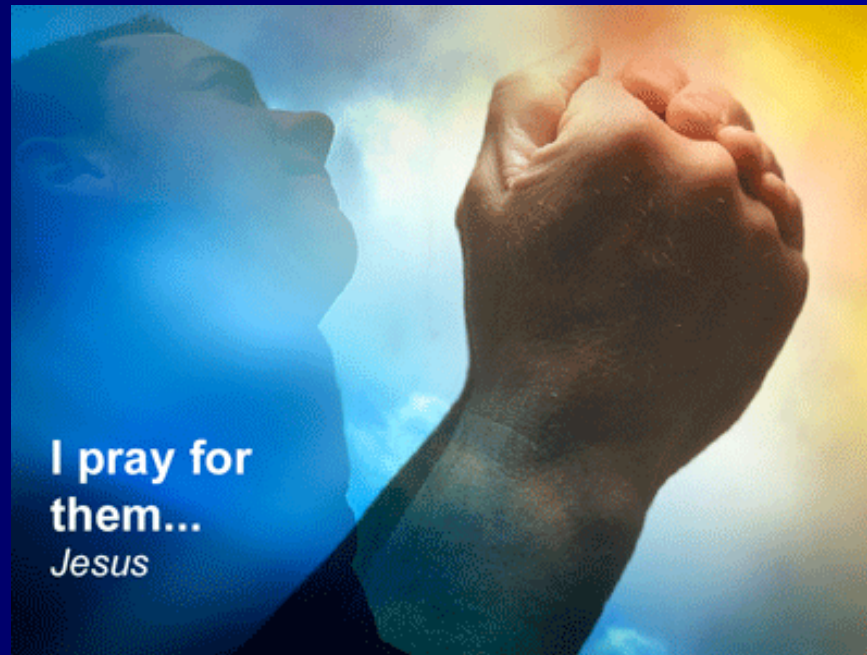


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It is really quite simple...

- Obey the gospel Mk 16:15-16; Ac 2:38-41,47; Mt 16:18
- Abide in the apostles' doctrine Ac 2:42; 1Co 4:17; 14:37
- Simply be a Christian Ac 11:26; 1Pe 4:16
- Avoid denominational doctrines, creeds, names 2Jn 9
- Find a simple church of Christ Ro 16:16; Ac 2:42
- Maintain the unity of the Spirit Ep 4:3-6
- Possess the mind of Christ Ph 2:1-5

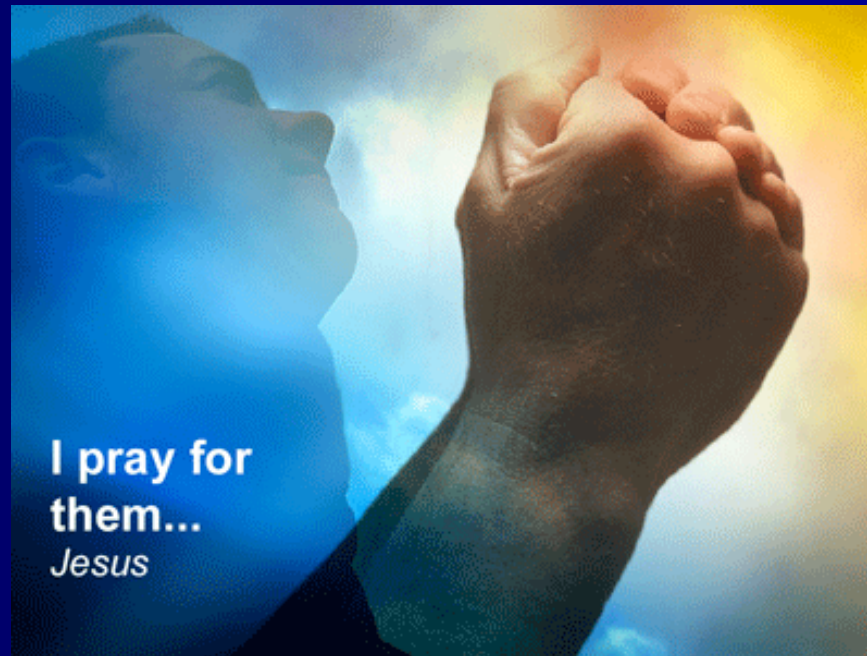
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Will we heed the prayer of Jesus?

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