

# **Should we Fellowship Denominations?**

Do God's boundaries allow the NT  
church to fellowship with  
man-made denominations?

# **Start Here**

**Don't be mean spirited, hateful, holier-than-thou attitude**

▯ **Don't be standoffish – we are not in a monastery**

▯ **It is not wrong to eat or socialize with the lost**

▯ **We can not claim to know more about the Bible than others**

▯ **God has boundaries to fellowship**

**We can not draw a smaller circle than God**

▯ **We can not draw the circle larger than God**

# **Denominations = Division**

- **God hates division – Proverbs 6:16-19**
- **God loves unity – Psalm 133:1**
- **Jesus prayed for unity – John 17:20-21**
- **So did Paul – 1 Corinthians 1:10**
- **Fellowship is more than eating together**
- **Fellowship = joint participation and support**

# **Denominations = Reject plan of Salvation**

**Most denominations teach faith only**

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▯ **Baptism is not important to them**

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▯ **They reject plain passages**

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▯ **Most teach – Just say the sinners prayer**

# **Denominations = Worship Wrong**

- **John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**
- **Mark 7:7-9 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' 8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men --the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." 9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.**

# **Denominations = Worship Wrong**

**Communion – Acts 20:7**

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▯ **Instrumental music – Ephesians 5:19**

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▯ **Some bring in parts of the Law of Moses – incense,  
burn candles**

# **Denominations = Teach Error**

## **Faith Only**

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▯ **Baptism not important**

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▯ **Once Saved, Always Saved**

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▯ **Sinner's Prayer**

# **Summary Passages**

**2 John 1:9-11 9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.**

**10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.**



# **Summary Passages**

**Ephesians 5:7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.**

- **Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.**

# Summary Passages

- **2 Corinthians 6:15-16** 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."