



## BIBLE TALK

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Question: Can we justify having so many religions?

Answer: No. Religious division confuses! It frustrates the cause for which Jesus died! More than 250 denominations stand separate from each other. They possess distinctive names, doctrines, and practices; each claims to follow Jesus and be His church.

God says, "There is one body" (the church). Eph. 4:4; Col. 1:18. Jesus prayed, "that they (His followers) may all be one" (Jn. 17:21). Compare the following:

Denominationalism:

Christ's Teaching:

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| * Many different churches               | * One church. Eph. 4:4; 1:22                      |
| * Founded by men                        | * Christ founder. Mt. 16:18                       |
| * Man is the head                       | * Christ is head. Eph. 1:22                       |
| * Authority of human creeds             | * Bible authority. 2 Tim. 3:16                    |
| * Membership not essential to salvation | * Membership in Christ's church essent. Eph. 5:23 |
| * Each has own beliefs                  | * One faith. Eph. 4:4;                            |
| * Creeds often are changed              | * Bible remains same. Mt. 24:35                   |
| * Different baptism                     | * One baptism. Eph. 4:5; Immersion. Rom. 6:4      |
| * Join church of choice                 | * God adds saved to Church. Acts 2:47             |
| * Wear any religious name               | * Only one. Acts 4:12                             |
| * Sincerity only essential              | * Faith/obedience equally Heb. 11:6; 5:8-9        |

It is startling, but you can be a Christian without ever joining a denomination! Let the Bible lead you to be a member of Christ's church not a denomination.

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