

DON'T CALL IT CHRIST'S CHURCH...

All of us are aware of the variety of denominations that exist in our society. It might surprise some to know that God established only one church on earth (Ephesians 4:4; 1:23). Denominations are the product of man's departure from God's way. Denominations are a result of man's desire to do what pleases him in matters of religion. One should not call a church Christ's church if it is not willing to wear his name (Romans 16:16; Matthew 16:18; Hebrews 12:23). It is not the church that Jesus built if it is not organized according to God's plan. The church we read about in the New Testament was fully organized when it had elders (bishops) and deacons (Philippians 1:1). Each congregation was autonomous and not governed by some national ruling body of elected officials. It isn't the church that Jesus built unless it complies with God's plan of entrance (Acts 2:38, 41, 47). Baptized believers were added to Christ's church. It isn't Christ's church unless it worships God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). All the modern innovations to draw crowds have brought shame on the true drawing power for sinners (John 12:32; I Corinthians 15:1-4). It isn't the true church unless her mission is the same as that of Christ (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19; Luke 19:10). The Lord's church can do many good works but her main work is to share the gospel with the world. These are only a few of the things that set the Lord's church apart from denominations. Why not take the time to compare your beliefs with what the Bible says. If you need more information please let us know. I want to thank our readers for their continued interest in spiritual matters. You are to be commended for your desire to learn more.

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