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Have You Ever
Wondered Why
There Are So Many
Denominational
Bodies And Why
Believers In Christ Are
Not All United?



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**WHO IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
RELIGIOUS
DIVISION?**

IN PRAYER



Religious leaders have been heard to thank God for the various divisions in religion so men can approach God in their own way, the way they want too.

But their prayer contradicts the will of God, who wants men to approach Him HIS way.

Jeremiah 10:23 ~ Proverbs 14:12

Isaiah 55:8-9

CHRIST PRAYED FOR UNITY

John 17:18-23

- ◇ That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (v21)

Ephesians 4:3-6

- One body
- One Spirit
- One hope
- One Lord
- One faith
- One baptism
- One God
- One Father



UNITY SPEAKS THE SAME THING

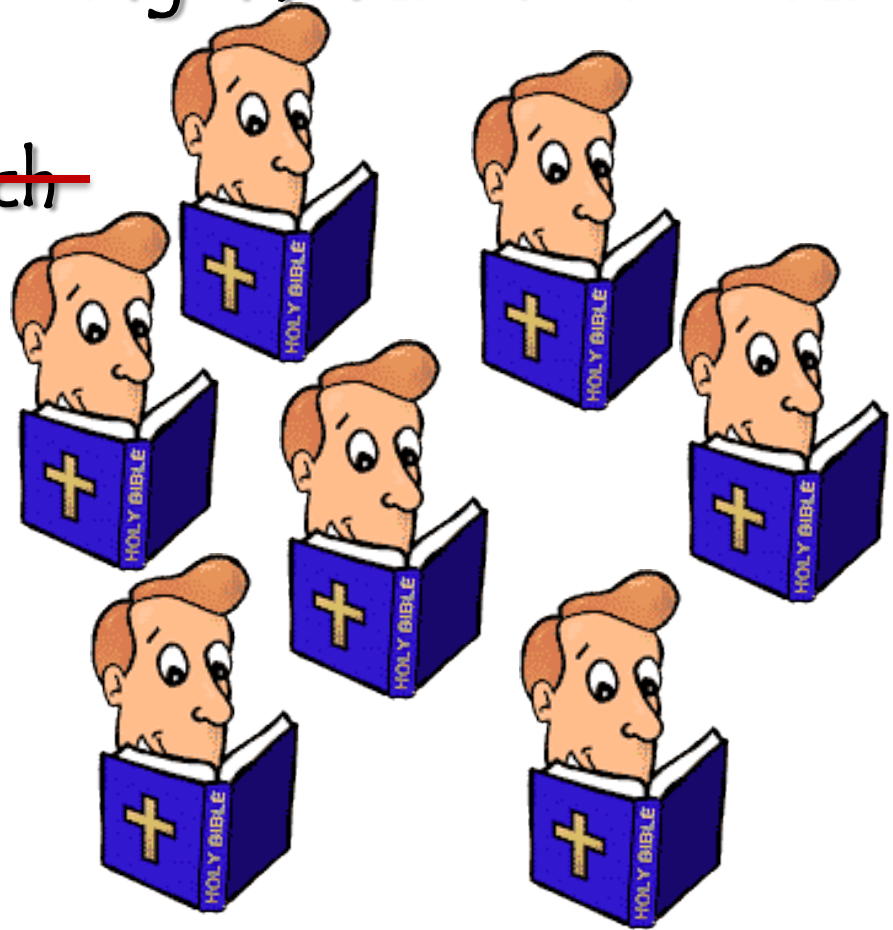
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 1:10 Speak the same thing
- ◇ 1 Peter 4:11 Speak God's oracles
- ◇ Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?
- ◇ Is one church just as good as another?
- ◇ Can there be unity and diversity of names, doctrines, and practice?



FIND IT IN THE BIBLE

◇ Can you find the following names of churches in the Bible?

- ~~Roman Catholic Church~~
- ~~Lutheran Church~~
- ~~Episcopal Church~~
- ~~Methodist Church~~
- ~~Presbyterian Church~~
- ~~Baptist Church~~
- ~~Latter-Day Saints~~



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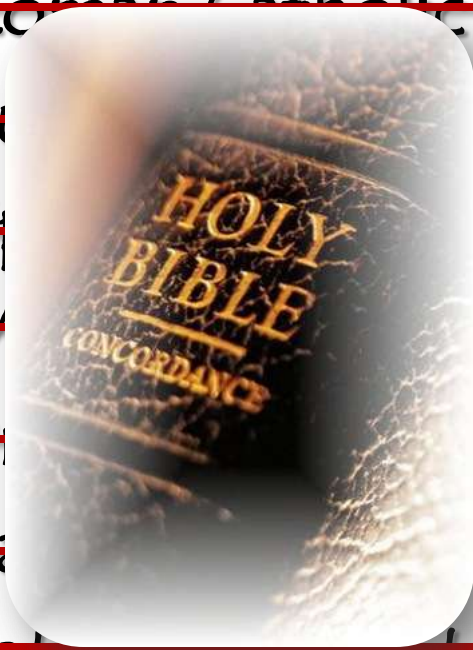
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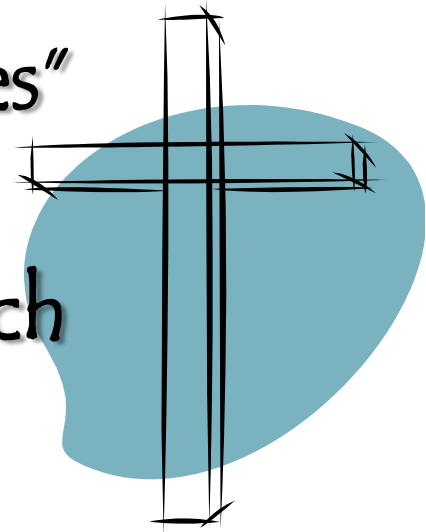
NAMES YOU CAN
FIND IN THE BIBLE

THE WAY
CHURCHES OF CHRIST
CHURCH OF GOD
CHURCH OF FIRSTBORN
KINGDOM OF GOD
BODY OF CHRIST
HOUSE OF GOD
BRIDE OF CHRIST

WHEN DID THE CHURCH BEGIN

“And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47)

- ◇ There was ONE church in the New Testament
Ephesians 4:4 with Ephesians 1:22-23
- ◇ Paul had concern for “all the churches”
2 Corinthians 11:28
- ◇ Jesus said He would build ONE church
Matthew 16:18



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- ◇ Fear came upon which church? (Acts 5:41)
- ◇ Which church did Paul persecute? (Acts 8:3)
- ◇ Which church had elders? (Acts 14:23)
- ◇ Which church did Paul teach in? (1 Cor. 4:17)
- ◇ Christ is head of which church? (Eph. 5:23)

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

WHAT ABOUT THE YEAR 1492?

◇ Could you be a member of your church in 1492?

- Lutheran church
- Presbyterian church
- Episcopal church
- Baptist church
- Methodist church
- Mormon
- Assembly of God

481 YEARS

1530

1536

1534

1607

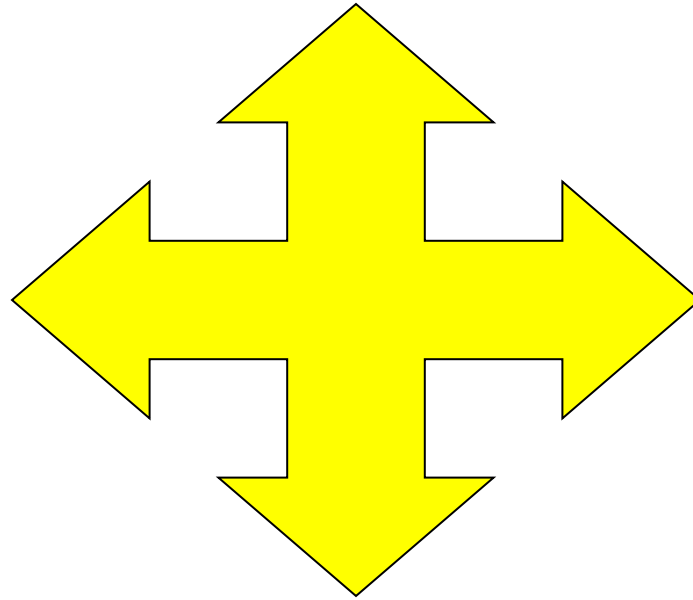
1729

1830

1914



IS IT FROM GOD?



IS IT FROM MAN?

RELIGIOUS DIVISION

WHEN A PERSON SAYS THAT WE ALL NEED TO HAVE THE "CHURCH OF OUR CHOICE" BECAUSE WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE ALIKE **IS POINTING A FINGER AT GOD** AS THE CAUSE OF DIVISION AND IS CASTING A SHADOW UPON THE WORD OF GOD!

◇ **Matthew 7:15-20**

There are False teachers

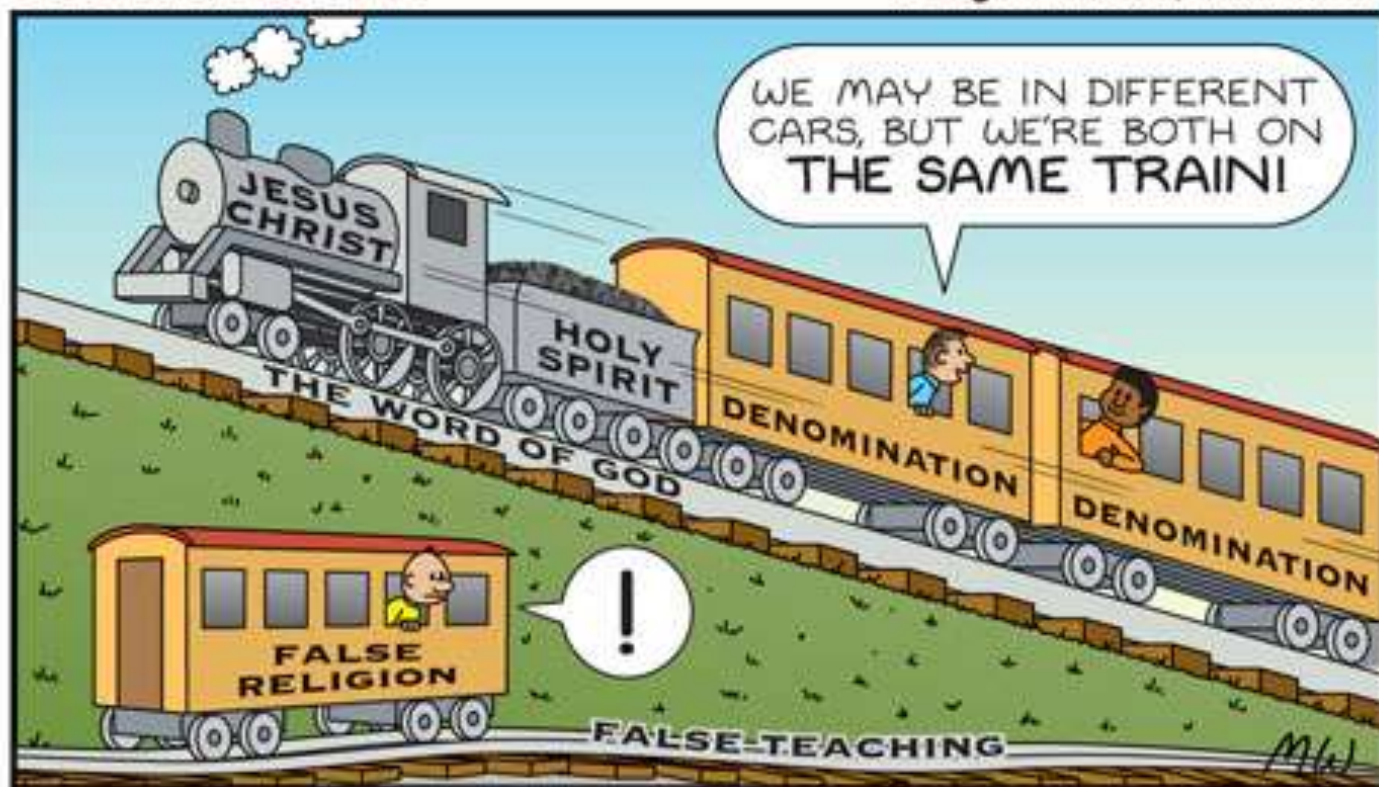
◇ **Matthew 7:21-23**

There will be religious people lost



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This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

— 1 JOHN 4: 2-3 NIV

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY CHURCHES?

In those days there was no king in Israel;
everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

(Judges 21:25)

