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Denominations

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I have read the new testament many times and have only found one place that might refer to what we call today denominations. That is when the church at Corinth had a problem because some were followers of Paul and some followers of Apollo and others were followers of Cephas and other followers of Christ. Paul added "Is Christ divided?" (1Cor1:12) This was however not a positive thing but was a disruptive thing for the church. Has the church down through the ages followed men instead of following the Lord Jesus Christ

There is only one gospel. It is that the Lord Jesus the son of God came into this world to save those that trust in Him to redeem us from the law of sin and death. He stayed the course and gave Himself freely on the cross for all of us that will place our trust in Him. He rose from the

dead as a sign of His power to be able to raise us from the grave to eternal life. This trust is not in a denomination but in Him personally for our salvation. It is not a head knowledge only but is a heart knowledge. The Holy spirit comes in to us when we are born again, and it then becomes a heart knowledge. Jesus said that we must be born again to see the kingdom of God.

We sometimes use this term loosely. Many believe that when they join the church or get baptized they are born again. That was not my case. I joined the church and was baptized I became a good "pew warmer", but I had no real change in my life. One day the Lord woke me up and I was truly born again. This time I was completely changed. I began to understand the scriptures and had a desire to know more and a desire to see souls saved. I was changed from the inside out. I pray that we do not get caught in denominationalism but focus on the true words of Jesus and that we take them into our hearts and not just into our minds. Denominations and churches may come and go but the word of God endures forever.

If the Methodist church or all denominations were for some reason to go out of business and close their doors my salvation is secure because my trust is in Jesus and his redemptive grace that has saved me. I live in total peace. The Holy Spirit abides in me. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, peace and joy. That is where I abide. Are you abiding in this peace? When you do it does not matter the things going on around you. When all of this becomes a part of our daily attitude then we do not live in fear of things around us but have the peace that surpasses all understanding.

My belief is that the kingdom of God does not have denominations. There will not be denominations in heaven!! There is a kingdom (or if you will the "Church") of many denominations. Some that are from the Methodist church will be there and some from the Baptist church and some from many other churches and some from no church at all. It has nothing to do with our denomination, but have you been born again. Has your heart been changed, and are you trusting in Jesus as your savior. Jesus prayed that we would be one. If we are in the Holy Spirit, we are one!

My prayer is that we get past labels and get to the place that we are in Jesus and with total trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation.

If we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, why should we be separated by labels and denominations?



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