

Denominationalism

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It Is Claimed That Jesus Built His Church (Matt. 16:18) And That Is It Is Made Up Of The Various Human Churches Some Even Include Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses



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Passages Like **John 15:1-8 (vine & branches) Are Misapplied**

It Addresses Individuals, NOT Churches (v. 6 - “a man,” v. 8 - “disciples”)



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**The Church Universal
Is Composed Of
Individual SAINTS**

Acts 2:41,47

1 Corinthians 12:13

Hebrews 12:23



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- **Denominational Churches Are “Denominated” (Designated) And Distinguished From One Another By Proper Names — Typically Named After:**
 - **A Particular PERSON (Lutherans)**
 - **Religious Belief Or Peculiar Practice (Baptist, Episcopalian)**
- **God’s Church Founded Upon Christ (Isa. 28:16; Mt. 16:16-18; 1 Cor. 3:11; Ps. 127:1; Matt. 15:13)**
- **God’s Church Has No Proper Name (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; Heb. 12:23; 1 Cor. 16:19)**

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- **Denominationalism Is DIVISION:**
 - **UNITY Is The Desired Condition (Psalm 133)**
 - **Jesus Prayed That His Disciples Be “One” (John 17:20-21)**
 - **God’s Word The Only Acceptable Basis Of Unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 3:16)**
- **Division Is Condemned In Scripture:**
 - **1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 3:1-3 “carnal”, 16, 17**
 - **Galatians 5:19-21**
 - **Romans 16:17**

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- **Denominationalism Is UNITY IN DIVERSITY:**
 - **God Allows Diversity In Regard To Matters Of *Judgment* (Romans 14; Acts 15:38-40)**
 - **But NOT In Matters Of Faith — “Unity In Diversity” Is Not “Unity” At All — It Is UNION!**
 - **It Is (Unauthorized) Tolerance Of Unscriptural / Ungodly Practices**
 - **2 John 9-11; 3 John 9-11; 1 Cor. 11:19**
 - **Galatians 2:1-14**
 - **1 Peter 4:1**

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- **Denominationalism Is Built Upon Human Tradition & Human Creeds / Opinionism**
(Prov. 14:12; Isa. 65:2; Jer. 10:23)
- **Jesus Condemned This (Matthew 15:1-14)**
- **Paul Condemned It (Colossians 2:8, 20-23)**
- **Denominationalism Disregards Many Of God's Moral Laws:**
 - **Divorce Laws**
 - **Homosexuality**
 - **Gay Marriage**

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Subject: Homosexuality / Gay Marriage

Two Key Errors Of The Washington, DC Calvary Baptist Church:

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1. **Condoning Fornication (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10; Jude 7; Genesis 19:5; Leviticus 20:13)**
2. **Woman “Pastors” / Preachers (1 Tim. 3:2 - “husband of one wife,” NOT “wife of one wife”!; 1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:12)**

Some Denominational Errors Are Also *PHYSICALLY* Dangerous!

Many Snake-Handlers Have Died Over The Years Because Of:



Andrew Hamblin, 21, pastor of Tabernacle Church of God in LaFollette, Tenn., says serpent handling is "the closest thing to heaven on earth that you could get." / SHELLEY MAYS / THE TENNESSEAN

- **Misapplication Of Mark 16:18, And**
- **Failure To Understand The Temporal Nature Of The Miracle Age (1 Corinthians 13:8-10)**
- **Failure To Understand The Purpose Of Miracles (Mark 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4)**

A Zimbabwe pastor has been killed after he was eaten by three crocodiles while trying to walk on water.

Jonathan Mthethwa was trying to show his congregation how Jesus walked on water by crossing what is locally known as Crocodile River on foot.

However, he did not make it across the river in Zimbabwe.



Subject: Religious Error

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- **Most Denominational Churches Appeal To The Old Testament For Modern Religious Authority HOWEVER...**
- **Christ Has ALL Authority (Matthew 28:18)**
- **We Must Make Respect It (Colossians 3:17)**
 - **Regarding Giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2)**
 - **Worship Music (Ephesians 5:19; Col. 3:16)**
 - **Church Membership (Acts 2:38, 41)**
- **Not Under The Law Of Moses Today (Matt. 5:17, 18; Gal. 5:1-4; Eph. 2:14, 15; Col. 2:14)**