

THE PROBLEM WITH DENOMINATIONALISM

Religious Division Displeasing to the Lord

Denominationalism Is:

- Denomination: a class, or society of individuals, called by the same name, a sect; especially a religious sect.
- Denominationalism: denominational or sectarian spirit or policy; the tendency to divide into denominations or sects.
- Sect: a party dissenting from an established church (implying disagreement).

The Source of Denominationalism

- Pride and rebellion – 2 Peter 2:1-2,10.
- Party spirit – 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.
- Creeds of men – 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:3.

Fruits of Denominationalism

- Causes division – 1 Corinthians 3:1-4.
- Undermines fellowship – Acts 1:14; 2:1,46; 5:12; Romans 15:5-6.
- Hinders evangelistic progress – Colossians 1:23.
- Propagates unbelief – John 17:20-21.
- Makes worship vain – Matthew 15:9.
- Destroys souls – Galatians 5:19-21.

Remedy for Denominationalism

- Exalt Christ as the only lawgiver – James 4:12.
- Submit to Him as Lord – Acts 2:36; Ephesians 4:4; Luke 6:46.
- Put Him first in all things – Luke 14:26-27.
- Return to the Bible only – Colossians 3:17; 2 John 9; Acts 17:11.

Conclusion

“Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.”

Matthew 15:13