

Are Denominations Scriptural?
1 Cor 1:10-15
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Thesis: I want to answer the question; are denominations scriptural?

Introduction:

1. The religious world can be confusing as we look around.
2. But should it be that way, are denominations really what the Bible says God wants?

I. A logical approach

- A. Can so many “churches” that are organized differently, teach and worship differently really be pleasing in the sight of God?
 1. The way things are done and organized in denominations can be confusing when compared to the Bible.
 2. Many different plans for salvation, leadership differences, etc
- B. Can so much confusion be pleasing in the sight of God? (**1 Cor 14:33**)
 1. When people ask “what denomination do you attend” it should break our heart.
 2. Denomination means division, so we are asked what division of the church do you attend, right?

II. A look at **1 Corinthians 1:10-15 & Philippians 2:2**

A. **1 Corinthians 1:10**

1. Speak the same thing
2. no divisions among you
3. perfectly joined together
4. same mind
5. same judgment

B. **1 Corinthians 1:11-15**

1. People were already calling themselves after the names of men.

C. **Philippians 2:2**

1. like-minded
2. same love
3. one accord
4. one mind

III. Application for us today.

- A. Multiple churches was never in the mind of God.
 1. **Matthew 16:18** – “my church” not my churches
 2. Lining up all the different denominations next to one another, and ask is this what God wanted?
- B. We are to be united, if we are to please God (**Jn 17:20-23**)
 1. Christ prayed we’d be united not denominated (divided).
 2. Thus are denominations scriptural?

Conc:

1. Today the world sees so much division in the religious world.
2. Thus, we should not be like everyone else, we must show what God really wants and be an example as Christ's church.
3. Full Invitation