

“The Danger Of Embracing Denominationalism”

Lesson Text: **1 Corinthians 1:10-13**. How Men Can Influence Us Away From Christ.

I. The Biblical Call To Unity.

- **John 17:20-21**. Jesus Prayed For All His Disciples To Be “One.”
- **1 Corinthians 1:10**. This Is A Oneness Of Having The Same Mind & Same Judgment.
- **1 Timothy 1:3**. This Was A Oneness Of Doctrine.
- **Ephesians 4:14; 2 John 10**, Warns Us Of The Danger Of Accepting Other Doctrines.
- Denominationalism Itself Goes Against The NT Unity Of The Bible.
 - To Denominate Something Is To Divide It Up.
 - Can We Be Following Jesus In Love & Unity And Remain Divided Doctrinally?
 - That’s Why This Is A Dangerous Trap To Fall Into!
 - Many In Denominations Are Thankful For This Choice To Worship as We Please...

II. The Danger Of Embracing Denominationalism.

- By Being Influenced By Watching Televangelists On TV, YouTube, Or Internet Blogs.
- By Reading Denominational Books, Devotionals, & Other Materials...
- By Embracing Some Of The Slogans Of Denominations:
 - *“Join The Church Of Your Choice.”*
 - *“There Are Good Christians In All Denominations.”*
 - *“Christians Only, But Not The Only Christians.”*
 - *“We Do Many Things Without Bible Authority.”*
- These Are Speaking The Language Of Ashdod — **Nehemiah 13:23-25**.
- Where Is The Bible That Teaches Any Of These Slogans? **1 Peter 4:11**.
- Did Jesus, Paul, Peter, James, John Or Any Other Inspired Man Say These?
- The Extreme Emotionalism Hyped Up By Lights, Music, Just Like At A Concert.
- Brethren Have Even Pragmatically Embraced What Works In Denominations.

III. How Brethren Have Embraced Denominationalism Today.

- Some Have Changed Their Views About Salvation, The Church, & Fellowship.
- Max Lucado Quote From Radio Sermon.
- Why Are Churches Of Christ Taking Up Instruments Of Music Today?
- Why Churches Of Christ Began Recreational Programs, Youth Rallies, Youth Ministers, Fellowship Halls, And Institutions Doing The Work For The Church.
- B.C. Goodpasture Quote.

IV. What Can We Do?

- Stop Letting These Voices Influence Us Over Jesus’ Voice. **John 10:2-5; 27-28**.
- Determine To Stay Distinctive From Sectarian Denominationalism.
 - **Ephesians 5:11; 2 John 11**.
- Warn Others To Stay Away From Such Influences Too. **Matthew 16:6**.