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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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Denominationalism

Ask anyone in the Church what their opinion is on Denominationalism and you will get the same cookie cutter answer. “Denominationalism—Bad.” Ask them why...and the cookie cutter answer becomes more like a smorgasbord at an all you can eat Chinese Restaurant. What does this tell me? We truly don’t know why we believe what we do.

So why are Denominations bad? Consider this, only one thing makes them *bad*—a lack of authority. What separates them from us? In all reality, only one thing *separates* them from us—their heart. See, it’s not complicated, and it’s not long winded.

When we say, “Musical Instruments—Bad, Kitchens—Bad, Basketball Courts—Bad,” why can’t we convince them? You need to understand, the battle they are waging has nothing to do with “Kitchens—Bad.” We lose the argument, because you can’t battle emotions and win. “But, we do so much good,” they say.

But the issue of Denominationalism cannot be fought at the *blade of grass level*, we need to fight this battle from 10,000 feet in the air. Yes, we can explain why “Kitchens—Bad,” but our friends, neighbors, and family are not going to like what we have to say.

However, if we can convince them what authority is, where it comes from, and mold their hearts to accept it. We’ve won. We need to fight the battle with truth. That’s a battle we can win.

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* Denominationalism

A division of one religion (Christianity) into various groups, which are the same though different.

* Matthew 16 : 13–19

Jesus said, “I will build My church.”

It is His, He built it, it is a single body

* If you own (establish) something then you have certain rights.

Jesus owns (established) the Church, He has certain rights.

* Jesus has the right to:

Name the Church

He did—Church of Christ

Provide the Organizational Structure

He did—God-Christ-Elders-Deacons-Man-Woman

Establish the Items of Service

He did—Singing –Praying-Teaching-Lord’s Supper-Collection

Set Service Time

He did—First day of the week-Lord’s Day-Sunday

* Jesus said He would build/establish/own His church

Therefore, He has all the rights to it.

* What’s wrong with Denominationalism?

It has establish Man Made Religion.