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(Ephesians 4:4)

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Have you ever wondered why there are so many denominational bodies and why believers in Christ are not all united? If you have been disturbed by this question, you are not alone. It is frequently asked by sincere, honest people seeking the truth.

In the religious world, both Protestant and Catholic churches are divided and subdivided into different denominations each of which is characterized by a distinctive name, a particular creed, a form of organization, and a type of worship peculiar to itself and different from all other churches.

Despite the fact that some sincere people cannot answer the question as to “Why the number of divisions?” most of them will agree that it would be desirable if all people were united in one body in the name of Christ our Savior.

Unity in the modern religious world can only be had if we:

• Respect the wishes of Christ. He prayed for unity (John 17:20-21).
  “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

• Believe there is one God. The Ephesians were told to maintain unity on the basis of this truth (Ephesians 4:3-6).
  “…endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

• Realize the dangers of division. The apostle Paul taught against religious division saying all should be united (1 Corinthians 1:10).
  “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

• Are willing to yield human opinion to the authority of God’s word. The Bible makes it plain that man’s wisdom is not a safe guide in religious matters. Jeremiah 10:23 says, “O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (See also 1 Cor. 1:20-30).

Yes, unity can be attained in religion if all people will abandon all beliefs and practices that are foreign to the Bible and be satisfied to teach and practice only those things found in and authorized by the word of God. If all would look solely to the Bible for their practices and teaching, true unity would exist.

The Church of Christ is a group of Bible-believing people who are trying to bring all aspects of their lives in conformance to the will of God and the image of Christ. They accept the Scriptures as their only authority in religious matters. If you are interested in things spiritual and wanting to learn more of Christ and His will for you, please visit them. They would be happy to help in any way they can to make your life right with God.