

A Christian, No More No Less

Jesus told His disciples that unifying upon His word would prompt others to believe the gospel (John 17:14, 20-21). Today unity is uncommon because so many have strayed from the teachings of Christ. This has led to widespread unbelief and indifference toward God, the Holy Bible including the gospel of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus promised to build the church, He spoke of “My church” (Matt 16:18). Indeed Paul said there is ONE body (Eph 1:22-23; 4:4). Its beginning was marked by unity in doctrine and practice; the early church was devoted to the “apostles’ doctrine” (Acts 2:42-46). The apostles were divinely guided in what they taught (2:4, 7, 14). The first respondents to the gospel message were commanded to “repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...” (2:38). On that occasion three thousand souls obeyed the gospel and were added *by the Lord* to His church (Acts 2:41, 47).

That same gospel (with its facts, commands, and promises) was preached throughout the world (Acts 1:8). Paul the apostle taught the same message “everywhere in every church” (1 Cor 4:17). In every place it was taught it produced the same results! The responders were added *by the Savior* to His body (Eph 5:23), and they were simply called “Christians” (1 Peter 4:16).

Unity cannot prevail when men are dissatisfied with the purity and perfection of God’s word (2 Tim 3:16-17). The consequence of division among professing believers in Christ is that the world will remain skeptical rather than being convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matt 16:16).

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