



Nondenominational Christianity

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Afternoon

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Scripture Reading: Acts 2.38-47

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Introduction:

Nondenominational churches certainly seem to be a trend. In many places, it has become all about the personal satisfaction of those who sit in the pew. Old-fashioned authority, accountability, and moral absolutes are becoming a thing of the past. Services are usually promoted as informal, relaxed, casual, and fun. John MacArthur: "Christianity for consumers." Churches of Christ are uniquely positioned in the current culture. Great opportunity! We've always been non denominational!

I. What does true non-denominational Christianity look like?

- A. Matthew 16.18 - Jesus started something.
 - 1. Acts 20.28 - Jesus died so that His _____ might be bought with His blood.
 - 2. Ephesians 5.25,28 - the church is as a bridegroom to a bride
 - 3. Ephesians 3.20-21 - Jesus will save those who are in His church
 - 4. 1 Timothy 3.15 - the Church is the pillar and ground of the truth.
- B. The church is a " _____ " people. Acts 2.41-47
- C. What we have discussed up to now, leads us to conclude:
 - 1. The New Testament does not lead a person in to denominationalism.
 - 2. One must go _____ New Testament teaching in order to become a member of a denomination.

II. True Non Denominational Christianity is seen in Accepting New Testament Doctrine

- A. John 1.11-12 - those who believe in Jesus as the Son of God are given the _____ to become sons/daughters of God. KJV: *the power*.
- B. How do we exercise this power?
 - 1. We _____ the gospel - the truth of God - Romans 1.16
 - 2. We do not _____ anything.
- C. We must accept Jesus' _____. Ephesians 1.20-23;
- D. Those in the New Testament Church have a _____ with Jesus
 - 1. Romans 8.14, 16 - we are sons and daughters of God.
 - 2. Romans 12.1-2 - we are being transformed into the image of Christ.
 - 3. 1 Peter 2.21 - we follow in Christ's footsteps
 - 4. New Testament shows people converted to Jesus - not a system of creeds, traditions, and churches.

Conclusion:

- A. Let's not be ashamed of our message. Let's shout it from the rooftops!

ANSWERS

Right	Join
Called Out	Beyond
Relationship	Church
Authority	ObeY

MY NOTES