

The Lord Jesus censured man-made religious alliances.

Matthew 15:13 ... Every plant, which my heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up.

Man made doctrines were denounced.

Titus 1:14 Not giving heed to ... commandments of men...

Matthew 15:9 But in vain they do worship me (*God*), teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Galatians 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any gospel to you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other [similar] gospel to you than that you have received, let him be accursed.

2 John 9 Whoever transgresses, and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ, does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ, has both the Father and the Son. 10 If any one comes to you, and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him God speed:

The word Christianity is derived from the word Christ. Real Christianity must derive from the teaching of the Christ for it to be genuine Christianity.

TEST EXERCISE

In a letter to your friend explain from the Bible why the division in Christendom is bad.

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Study 1 WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY ?

IS IT CONFUSION and CHAOS ?

The Christianity of today has brought shame on the name of Christ. Christendom is split up into numerous organizations each guarding their own preserve.

The apostles warned that there would be schisms inside the church.

Acts 20:30 Also of your own selves men shall arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after themselves.

2 Peter 2:1 But there also were false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who privately will bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

Even during the lifetime of the apostles self-willed men started divisions.

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beg you, brothers, 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. 11 For it has been declared to me of you, my brothers, by those who are

of the household of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you says, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Corinthians 11:18 For first of all, when you come together in the church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

3 John 9 I wrote to the church: but Diotrephes, who loves to have the pre-eminence among them, does not receive us.

The end product is that most of what we see today is far removed from the Christianity of the Bible. Christianity has become a laughing stock throughout the world. That is why many do not want to have anything to do with it.

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In a letter to your friend explain why there is so much division in Christendom.

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Study 2 DIVISION AND FALSE TEACHING IS UNACCEPTABLE

1 Corinthians 14:33 ... God is not the author of confusion ...

The Lord Jesus wants all His followers to be one so that people might acknowledge His credibility.

John 17:20 Neither do I pray for these alone, **but for them also who will believe in me through their word;** 21 **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 have sent me. 22 And the glory which you gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and **that the world may know** that you have sent me, and have loved them, as you have loved me.

The apostle Paul reproved division amongst the Lord's people.

1 Corinthians 3:3 For you are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are you not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one says, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are you not carnal?