



Today's Sermons

Morning: Can A Child of God Fall from Grace?
Evening: "My God Shall..."

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Introducing the Church

The Church about which these charts have been compiled is:

- The church Isaiah prophesied about some 750 years before it was established — (Isaiah 2:2-3)
- The church Micah prophesied about in about 710 B.C. — (Micah 4:1-2)
- The church Daniel foretold about some 600 years before its establishment — (Daniel 2:31-45)
- The church Zechariah said would be established in Jerusalem — (Zechariah 1:16)
- The church Joel prophesied about — (Joel 2:28-32)
- The church Jesus promised He would build — (Matthew 16:18)
- The church Jesus said would be established in Jerusalem during the lifetime of some then present. — (Mark 9:1)
- The church that was established in Jerusalem on May 28, A.D. 30 — (Acts 2))
- The church Jesus added the obedient to — (Acts 2:47)
- The church Saul (Paul) vigorously persecuted — (Galatians 1:13)
- The church Christ gave His life for — (Ephesians 5:2 5)
- The church of which Christ is both its Head and Savior — (Ephesians 5:2 3)
- The church that is the Bride of Christ — (Revelation 21:9)
- The church that is subject to Christ — (Ephesians 5:24)
- The church Paul described to the Ephesians as being: (Ephesians 5:27)
 - "A glorious church"
 - "Without spot"
 - "Without wrinkle"
 - "Holy"
 - "Without blemish"
- The church that Christ will deliver up to the Father. (1 Corinthians 15:24)



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Bible Study:... 10:00am
AM Worship:...11:00am
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2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
Sunday:.....7:30am
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**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

Your Sin Has Reached Your Very Heart
By Jason Hardin

“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life” (Proverbs 4:23).

Your heart is a fountain, a natural wellspring of what the Bible describes as “the inner man.” It is the center of your consciousness, the source of your thinking, the fount of your feelings, the seat of your affections, and the root of your decisions. Those things that Solomon describes as “the springs of life”—your emotions, dreams, attachments, allegiances, determinations, words, actions and reactions—all flow from the fountain of your heart. As a result, your heart has immeasurable value.

Therefore, when God says things like he did in Jeremiah 4:18, we ought to fearfully pay attention, humbly evaluate our present condition, and prayerfully raise our defenses.

“Your ways and your deeds have brought this upon you. This is your doom, and it is bitter; it has reached your very heart.”

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The men and women of Jeremiah's day had sown selfish seeds of unrighteousness. Now it was time to reap the bitter fruit of rebellion against their Creator. The resulting doom was a terrible ripple effect of their ways. Their deeds had brought it upon them. Sin had taken them farther than they ever imagined. Their corruption had reached their very heart.

It's not unusual for people to continue reasoning that they've got a handle on their unholiness. We deceive ourselves by adopting the delusion that we can keep sin on the surface. "My flesh will indulge, but my heart is immune." It is a lie of the worst kind.

Not only are my ways and my deeds a reflection of what resides within my heart (Mark 7:21-23), but they are a critical gateway to the center of my consciousness, the source of my thinking, the fount of my feelings, the seat of my affections, and the root of my decisions. I cannot engage in the sinful works of the flesh without the "springs of my life" becoming polluted.

Think about that today. The filth that I allow my eyes to gaze upon will eventually reach my very heart. The unrighteous venom that I allow to soak on my tongue will eventually permeate my very heart. The bitter gossip that my ears welcome will eventually take root in my very heart. Idolatry will lead to spiritually clogged arteries. Laziness will lead to heart failure. Wickedness will lead to cardiac arrest.

Guard your heart with all diligence today. It has immeasurable value. Shine the light of the gospel on the lies of the Enemy. Your ways and your deeds matter.

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**"If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:21-24).**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- May 1 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- May 15 – Preach & Eat – 1:30 Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

## **What Does The Bible Say About...Why There Are So Many Churches?**

Jack Williams

One data source lists over 2200 congregations of religious groups claiming to be Christian in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Worldwide it is said there are over 30,000 distinct denominations, groups distinct in authority, practice, leadership and more. I am not sure how accurate this is, but one only need glance around to realize it might even be a bit of under-reporting rather than an exaggeration! But those numbers bring up some serious questions. As we read the Bible we find that Jesus promised to build His church (Matthew 16:16-19). Did you notice the singular in that... church not "churches." Paul emphasized that there was but "one body" (Ephesians 4:4) which he identifies as the church (1:22-23). Further we find that Jesus' prayer is for oneness (John 17:21). Even His death was to bring about the means of oneness to the division of Jew and Gentile, enabling all to be "one body by the cross" (Ephesians 2:11-22).

These and many other facts from God's Word cause us to become a greatly puzzled and saddened as we consider the data we spoke of. How could a religious world that claims to follow Christ be so divided?! Denominationalism is clearly not God's desire. It is not what Jesus prayed nor died for. It is not what the inspired apostles preached. So the question comes – "Why are there so many churches?" As with all such matters pertaining to life and godliness, the answer is found in His Word (2 Peter 1:3), so let's look there for the answer. When Paul penned the epistle to the Corinthians he addressed a problem which parallels that which we see in the religious world – division (1 Corinthians 1:11-12). But as with all of God's Word, He doesn't identify a problem without giving the solution. In writing to the Corinthians He admonished "by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (verse 10). Why then were there divisions then and now? The answer is simple - men turned away from the authority of God's Word which Jesus commanded to be preached till the end of the world (Matthew 28:19-20). God of course realized this and thus commanded, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:2-4). The problem then and now? Man does not endure sound doctrine, desiring instead to have their own lusts and desires fulfilled in the name of religion (thus they build "the church of your choice")! The cure then and now? Preach the Word!