

Denominationalism	True Christianity
Many divisions (denominations)	Let there be "no divisions" (1 Cor. 1:10; John 17:11, 21-23; Matt. 12:25)
God accepts many bodies, or churches	"There is one body" of Christ (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22, 23; Eph. 4:4; Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:20)
Claim that denominations are branches of the church	Jesus said individual people are the branches (John 15:1-6)
People may join the "church of their choice," or they may be voted in	The Lord adds the saved to His church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47, Matt. 16:18)
A multiplicity of religious groups not found in the Bible	The church of Christ is in the Bible (Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16)
Membership not necessary for salvation	Membership in Christ's church is essential for salvation (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23)
Founded by men	Founded by Christ (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28)
Wear man-made names	Glorify God in the name of <u>Christian</u> (1 Pet. 4:16); Paul persuaded people to be Christians (Acts 26:28)
Follow men	Following men is condemned (1 Cor. 1:10-13, 4:6; Acts 17:11)
Human heads	Christ is the Head of His church (Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18)
Bestow exalting titles to men, such as "Father," or "Reverend"	Do not "think of men above that which is written" (1 Cor. 4:6; Matt. 23:5-12; Col. 3:17)
Human creeds	The Bible is all we need! (2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:3)
Rewrite creeds every few years	The Bible never changes (no need to change the truth!) (Mat. 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23-25)
Many types of worship acceptable without Biblical foundation	We "must worship Him in spirit and in truth" according to the authority of the New Testament (John 4:24; Col. 3:16-17)
Non-scriptural frequency of the Lord's Supper	Partake of Lord's Supper first day of every week (Acts 20:7); (same frequency as the money offering, 1 Cor. 16:2)
You people can have your faith, and we can have our faith...	"There is one faith" (Eph. 4:5; Jude 3)
Claim doctrine is inconsequential	"Take heed...unto the doctrine" to "save thyself" and others (1 Tim. 4:16); some "twist" the Scriptures "unto their own destruction" (2 Pet. 3:16)
We can walk according to different rules	"walk by the same rule" (Phil. 3:16; Amos 3:3; Rom. 16:17)
Many types of baptism	"There is...one baptism"; "the washing of water" (Eph. 4:5; Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21)
Preach various plans of salvation	Condemned for preaching or following any other gospel than what Paul preached (Gal. 1:6-10; Gal. 5:4; 2 Tim. 2:17, 18)