

Is the church of Christ a denomination?

(Part 1)

What does it mean to be a denomination?

- It's not a biblical term.
- Definition of Denomination:
 - an act of denominating the *denomination* of prices in U.S. dollars
 - a value or size of a series of values or sizes metric *denominations*;
 - name, designation;
 - a religious organization whose congregations are united in their adherence to its beliefs and practices people from several different Christian *denominations*
 - <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/denomination>
- The Cambridge online Dictionary defined denomination as:
 - a religious group whose beliefs differ in some ways from other groups in the same religion.
 - <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/denomination>

Characteristics of a Denominational Church:

- 1. Denominations have a founder, other than Jesus.**
- 2. Denominations have an earthly head (conference or board).**
- 3. Denominations have a creed that has been established by its conference or board.**
- 4. Denominations have the name of its founder or practice.**
- 5. Denominations have an elaborate hierarchy (organization).**
- 6. Denominations have traditional creeds of worship.**
- 7. Denominations have a list of mandatory requirements for membership into the organization.**

Is God pleased with denominations?

- **Jesus came to establish His one true church.**
 - Matthew 16:13 – 19
 - Acts 20:28 – 31
 - Jude 1:3
- **Jesus desired that His Church be unified in the Faith.**
 - John 17:20 – 23
 - Ephesians 4:1 – 6
 - Romans 12:4 – 5
 - Romans 15:5 – 6
 - 1 Peter 3:8
- **God warned against division in the Church.**
 - Mark 10:35 – 45
 - 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 13
 - Philippians 2:1 – 4
 - 2 Timothy 4:1 – 5
 - Galatians 1:6 – 10



Are you a member of the Lord's
Church?