

## WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DIFFERENT RELIGIONS?

### **INTRODUCTION:** Matthew 16:13-19

- A. There exists a multiplicity of religions: world religions, “denominations” of “Christendom,” various sects, cults, occult, etc.
- B. God is not the Author of all the religious and denominational division – 1 Corinthians 14:33
- C. Religious division is not the desire of Christ and His Apostles: John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10ff; Ephesians 4:1-3
- D. Consider: PROTESTANTISM, CATHOLICISM, INTER-DENOMINATIONALISM, etc.
  - 1. There is not doubt that there are sincere, honest people in all denominations – folks of at least average or even above-average intelligence.
  - 2. Then, why can't all agree? Why so much religious division and confusion?

TS: Consider a few reasons why there are so many different religions, denominations, factions, churches in our land:

**I. IGNORANCE CONTRIBUTES TO RELIGIOUS FACTIONS:** Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 3:16-17

**II. LACK OF SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL:** 1 Timothy 4:1-3; Matthew 7:21-23

**III. AN IMPROPER VIEW OF THE CHURCH:** Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:20-21; 5:22ff; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:15

**IV. AN IMPROPER VIEW OF THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE:** John 6:63; 14:25-26; 16:12-13

**V. LACK OF EXPOSURE TO TRUTH:** Romans 1 16; John 8:31-34; Matthew 13:15; 2 Corinthians 4:1-4

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. Bible teaches that Jesus built one church, and God adds the saved to it! Acts 2:47
- B. Let us determine to be done with religious division, and stand upon the Gospel only, and members only of the church Jesus built.

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