

Why Do We Have Denominations - Part 1 Wednesday February 4, 2026

The Birth of Church

The Biblical church start began with a supernatural event in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus's resurrection. This was the introduction of the Foundation and Gate Keeper of the Church, which is the Holy Spirit!

- Acts 2:1-8; 41
 - 2 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
 - 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
 - 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
 - 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
 - 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
 - 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
 - 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
 - 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

The Holy Spirit Adds To The Church

Peter preached a sermon that this is the evidence of the promised death and resurrection of Jesus.

- 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Jesus's Promise

Jesus promised that the birth and off the church would come after He ascends to be with the father so that the Holy Ghost could come.

- Matthew 16:13-18
 - 13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
 - 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
 - 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
 - 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
 - 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
 - 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Jesus's Prayer For The Church

Jesus prayed for the before it's conception that it may reflect the character of God in the sense that it would operate in Love and Unity!

- John 17:18-23

- **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
- **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.
- **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
- **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
- **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
- **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Are We Honoring Jesus's Prayer

There are an estimated **45,000 to 47,000** Christian denominations globally, reflecting massive fragmentation within Christianity. While there are roughly 10,000 distinct religions in the world, the vast majority of believers belong to just four major traditions: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.