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One of the New Testament principles taught by Jesus Christ concerning the house of God, or any house for that matter was that "every house divided against itself shall not stand" (Matthew 12:25). Any student of Church History quickly sees this one prevalent problem with every so called Christian church, mission organization, or "denominational fellowship" throughout history, that regardless of how noble a Christian cause may have been at the founding of that church, mission or fellowship, failure "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" according to the Word of God, dissolves that house into the fading chapters of history, highlighted only by its particular departure from and failure to abide within the body of Christ (John 15:4-8).

There still remains until this very day and hour, only "one body, and one Spirit" (Ephesians 4:4) whereby every child of God is "baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13) with the "one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5) of Christ, that is far beyond any amount of water poured on your head, or sprinkled in your face, or any body of water that you might have been dunked into. Three years after Jesus Christ and all of His disciples were baptized into water, Christ told his closest disciples, "Ye shall indeed...be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with", and "with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized" (Matthew 20:23/ Mark 10:39). That baptism was one of suffering and death; about which Paul wrote, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3).

Church history is all about every Christian sect's departure from that other baptism, under the leadership of Satan's ministers (2 Corinthians 11:13-15) that think they have succeeded in teaching Christians how to be baptized into

Jesus Christ without having to be baptized into His death. Howbeit, that other baptism which Christ spoke of to his disciples whereby we are "buried with Christ in baptism" (Colossians 2:12) remains unto this present hour, through which the body of Christ "by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God" (2:19). And church histories written within every nation and religion have penned enormous volumes about that cursed anabaptism [another baptism] that Governments, along with both Catholic and Protestant religions have for 1,800 years bloodied their hands with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus Christ, who in their lives and in their deaths were called by man and God, that very instrument of their baptism into death.

The Body of Christ is written to assist in "gather[ing] together in ONE the children of God that were scattered abroad" (John 11:52) by the divisive teachings of ministers for hire that have built a comfortable Christianity that "liveth in pleasure and is dead while she liveth" (1 Timothy 5:6). The Christian churches are so comfortably divided today into both enormous denominational mausoleums and into hundreds of thousands of independent, autonomous, self-governing tombs, that within each are countless children of God and their families, whose Christian walk is a yearly, wandering about, vagabond existence of going to church after church in a vain and fruitless attempt to find the body of Christ and worship therein. And it has come to pass in these last days of a Christianity that has been taught to despise holiness, godliness and contentment in abiding in Christ, that the very words of Christ resound into their ears on a daily basis, that

> "Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come." -John 7:34

The closing years of the Old Testament have now come upon the closing years of the New, wherein the most gifted preachers do not come forth from the seminaries and Levitical conclaves of countless Bible colleges; but appear from nowhere, even as John the Baptist came walking out of the wilderness (Luke 3:2, 3). Of those Old Testament prophets, Hosea wrote his New Testament prophecy of the Laodicean church of today's Protestant and Bible Believing apostasy,

"They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find HIM; He hath withdrawn Himself from them." -Hosea 5:6

When Solomon, the son of David ascended the throne of his father, he lacked the shepherd's heart that his father had. And though through the writings and prayers of his father David he became the wisest of the wise, he stands today as an omniscient dreadful warning and example to all modern day pastors that have taken over the office of a bishop for hire, who like Solomon of old think that "I the Preacher am king in Jerusalem" (Ecclesiastes 1:12), and they lord over God's heritage and reign over their own cold stone tombs of Christianity Today.

"Ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you." -Paul (1 Corinthians 4:8)

Nevertheless, though countless thousands of professing Christians endure the deadness, and divisive lordship mentality of today's lordmen pastorates, wandering from church to church in search of Christ and His body, "even so then at this present time also there is a remnant" (Romans 11:5) whose "faith growth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of them all toward each other aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in them in the churches of God" called Anabaptists, "for their patience and faith in all their persecutions and tribulations that they endure: which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that they may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for

which they also suffer" (2 Thessalonians 1:3-5).

"These thing have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you" (1 John 2:26) into believing that Christ is not come in the flesh, but His presence today is only spiritual, and there is no physical manifestation of His life within the church. Finding and abiding in Christ as ye were commanded (John 15:1-6) demands that you understand that there is to this present hour only "one body, and one Spirit" (Ephesians 4:4), and that this Satanic division of the body of Christ through a reformed theology and Catholic versus Protestant ecclesiology as an excuse to cover both a denominational and a local independence from a New Testament presbyterian subjection to Christ throughout the world is not of God.

"Is Christ divided?" -1 Corinthians 1:13

But that philosophy came into the church through "certain men crept in unawares" (Jude 4) and "false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily" (Galatians 2:4) and have through Satan's subtilty corrupted the minds of the simple (2 Corinthians 11:3) into thinking it is only important to believe that "God WAS manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16), and one should not be so naïve as to think because the Bible says "we ARE members of His body, and of His flesh, and of His bones" (Ephesians 5:30), that Christ has a physical manifestation today of which we can be a member. Brethren, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ IS COME IN THE FLESH is of God" (1 John 4:2): "and every spirit that confesseth NOT that Jesus Christ **IS COME** in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ve have heard that it should come and **EVEN NOW ALREADY** is it in the world" (4:3) and in the churches. Jesus Christ cannot be separated from "His body, which is the church" (Colossians 1:24) any more than "the members of THAT ONE BODY" (1 Corinthians 12:12) can be separated from Christ (Romans 8:38, 39). But you can be persuaded to not abide therein; and "if a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered" (John 15:6). Modern Christianity, both Protestant, Fundamental and

falsely so called Bible Believers are tragically withering away, and drying up dead by the roots, for lack of abiding in Christ as physical "members of His body, and of HIS FLESH, and of HIS BONES" (Ephesians 5:3); for no other reason than they cannot find the body of Christ on this earth beyond their hireling minister's philosophy that it does not exist worldwide as "ONE BODY".

The Body of Christ is written to you "the body of Christ", on how to recognize and find "the body of His flesh" (Colossians 1:22) and "the members in particular" that have been baptized therein, that ye might find Him whom thy soul loveth, and in finding Him be joined one to another as "members one of another" (Romans 12:5/ Ephesians 4:25) and "members of that ONE BODY" (1 Corinthians 12:12) of whom Christ declared,

"He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth ME; and he that receiveth me receiveth Him that sent Me."

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¹ John 13:20