

The Church: What Name

I. Jesus Holds the Title of Ownership:

- A. Matt. 16:18 – Jesus: "I will build my church."
- B. Eph. 5:25-27 – Jesus "gave himself up," i.e., died for the church.
- C. 1 Cor. 15:24; Matt. 16:19 - It is Jesus that will deliver up the kingdom to the Father,
- D. Not: John the Baptist; Luther; St. Francis; St. Mark, Luke, John or Mary.
- E. Note: Protestant theology came to be characterized by five statements: *solas*
 1. *Sola scriptura*. "Scripture alone"
 2. *Sola fide*. "Faith alone"
 3. *Sola gratia*. "Grace alone"
 4. *Solus Christus*. "Christ alone"
 5. *Soli Deo gloria*. "Glory to God alone"
 6. Concerning which, one writer stated, "We (*Baptist, ret*) joyfully and unreservedly embrace the five *solas*, for they are elegant expressions of pure Biblical truth" (David Gunn, Baptist Bulletin).
- F. Many hold the position of Luther, i.e., "the doctrine of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone is the material principle upon which all other teachings rest."

II. Denominationalism Condemned:

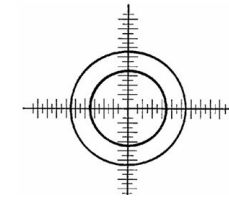
- A. 1 Cor. 1:10-11 – Division
- B. 1 Cor. 1:12 – Divided into factions and adopt the names of their teachers
- C. Paul's question? "Is Christ divided?" No
- D. 1 Cor. 1:13 – Two factors required to adopt the "name": die for/baptized into

III. Scriptural Name for the Church:

- A. Rom. 16:16 – "All the churches of Christ salute you"
- B. 1 Cor. 1:2 – "the church of God"
- C. 1 Cor. 3:9 – "God's husbandry, God's building"
- D. Acts 20:28 – "the church of the Lord"
- E. 1 Cor. 12:27 – "ye are the body of Christ"
- F. Col. 1:13 – "translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love"
- G. 1 Tim. 3:15 – "the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth"
- H. Heb. 12:23 – "the general assembly and church of the firstborn"
- I. Jesus said:
 1. Matt. 16:18 – "I will build my church"
 2. 1 Cor. 3:1-9 – Adopting the name of men is carnal and childish.
- J. Those who comprise the church are called:
 1. Acts 11:26 – Christians
 2. Phil. 1:1 – "saints in Christ Jesus"
 3. 1 Pet. 2:9 – "ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession"
- K. What name do you want to carry?
 1. Acts 4:10 – "the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth"
 2. Acts 4:12 – "And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved."
1 Kg. 18:21

"How long go ye limping between the two sides? if Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal (*insert your favorite man*), then follow him."

In the Crosshairs



The Journey

There are a great many doctrines that come to play when mankind gets its fingers into the equation, as the apostle Peter wrote: "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Pet. 3:14-18). In like manner, the apostle Paul stated: "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Cor. 11:13-15). As for our time, "But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of" (2 Pet. 2:1-2). False teachers, who shall bring in

“properly a *choice*, that is, (specifically) a *party* or (abstractly) *disunion*: - heresy [which is the Greek word itself], sect.” These false teachers would express heresies and thereby create disunion and develop a sect: “and many shall follow their lascivious doings” (2 Pet. 2:2).

This endeavor will consider some of the heresies that were developed over the past two thousand years, but more specifically the last seventeen hundred years. The doctrines under consideration will include Catholicism, Protestantism: Calvinism (John Calvin), Arminians (Jacob Arminis), Methodism (John and Charles Wesley), Free-Will Baptist (Jacob Arminius), Reformed Baptist (Calvin), Presbyterian (John Knox, Calvin), Anabaptist, Lutheran (Martin Luther). These denominations will not be singled out as per denomination, but as per doctrine and practice. ret



Original Sin

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The doctrine of Original Sin, i.e., sin inherited from the fall of Adam and Eve: a doctrine condemning an individual from conception to eternal destruction.

From whence did it come? “The understanding of original sin has evolved over centuries, with significant contributions from early Church Fathers like St. Augustine, who articulated the need for divine grace to overcome this fallen state. The Council of Trent 1545-1563) reaffirmed the Church's teachings on original sin, emphasizing its universal impact and the necessity of baptism for salvation,” 354-430 AD (Catholicus.eu).

Now, let’s apply this. During the early years of the Protestant revolt against Catholicism, two of these were Martin Luther, and John Calvin.

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JESUS	CHURCH	NAME
OWNERSHIP	KINGDOM	DELIVER
FATHER	TEACH	CHRIST
BAPTIZED	PAUL	HUSBANDRY
BODY	HOUSE	ASSEMBLY
FIRSTBORN	BUILD	FOLLOW HIM

Many of those who protested were dealt with severely: burned at the stake, and/or boiled in oil. It is sufficient to say that Martin Luther and John Calvin (and others, i.e., William Tyndale 1490-1536 who was strangled, and his body was burned at the stake). Martin Luther and John Calvin were the most important leaders in the earliest days of Protestantism and continue to influence denominationalism today.

Back to our analogy of leaving one established relationship and bringing preconceived doctrines into the new relationship: Luther and Calvin left the Catholic church due to perceived error. However, one doctrine they did not put behind them was the doctrine of Original Sin, and this doctrine was brought into the development of the Protestant movement.

Lord willing, the intent of this mode of communication will be to investigate the fallacies of the Doctrine of Original Sin and expound upon the scriptures that Protestant’s believe support their position. ret

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With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading:

Matthew 23:1-36; Revelation 3:7-13

Psalms 49:1-20; Luke 15:1-32



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

Original Sin

Have you ever noticed how individuals attempt to change the structure of a local standard? After one of California’s many earthquakes there was a tendency for individuals to “relocate:” an increase of newly settled individuals began to arrive in Nevada. Not only did the new inhabitants bring their belongings they also brought their favorite political concepts they perceived the state of Nevada could not live without.

No matter the situation, i.e., political, and/or religious, new arrivals bring baggage. When put in the context of religion, new arrivals will often appeal to “What we did,” and introduce doctrines under the guise of “I think,” “I don’t see anything wrong with it”, or “It seem to me” (Prov. 16:25). That happened with Original Sin.

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