

THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE

John 17:20-21

“Delivering” what we “receive”

Paul said, in 1 Cor. 15:3, “For I delivered unto you that which also I received...”

We have all received the same Word – namely The Bible. Go into the pulpit of a church of Christ and you will find a Bible that is no different than the Bible you will find in the pulpit of any denomination.

Go to a Baptist church and open the pulpit Bible and turn to Acts 2:38. You will find that it reads the same as the Bible in the pulpit at the church of Christ, “Repent ye and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, unto the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Go to a Methodist church and go into the pulpit and read from the pulpit Bible, Acts 8:38 and 39. You will find that it reads the same as the Bible in the pulpit of the church of Christ. “They went down into the water...They came up out of the water...”

Go to any church in any denomination, read from the pulpit Bible and you will find that Acts 20:7 reads the same as the Bible in the church of Christ. “And upon the first day of the week when we were gathered together to break bread...”.

To sum it up, we all have the same Bible. What then is the problem? Why all the division?

The answer is simple. While we can all say that we have received the Word from the Lord, not very many can say with Paul that they have DELIVERED what they have received.

When all denominations learn to say with Paul that they not only have received the Word but that they have delivered it; on that day denominations will vanish.

All received the same Plan of Salvation, but not all have delivered it.

All received the same form of church government, but not all have delivered it.

All received the same information regarding the Lord's Supper, but not all have delivered it.

When we all deliver the Word that we have all received, we will all be one.