

Jesus Didn't Die To Purchase A Movement

I. Introduction: Restoration, Reformation, Pentecostal, Evangelical Movements, etc.
ARE NOT FROM THE LORD!

A. There have long been religious “sects” (i.e. **Acts 5:17; 26:5**).

1. The Greek word “αἵρεσις” is defined, in part, as: “a body of men following their own tenets (sect or party)... dissensions arising from diversity of opinions and aims” (Thayer; Strong’s # 139).

2. You can see that definition is fitting in **I Corinthians 11:17-19** [the word “heresies” in vs. 19].

3. Some view[ed] Christianity as a sect; heresy (**Acts 24:14**).

B. Generally speaking, when there is a group of people forming their own thoughts there tends to arise movements (i.e. **Acts 15:5**).

1. Within these movements there tends to be a great influence to move people to a perversion of the truth (**Galatians 1:6-7**).

2. Such movements are NOT from the Lord, but heavily impact the faith of many (**Galatians 5:7-9**).

II. Body: Jesus Died, In Part, To Establish His Church (**Acts 20:28**).

A. The church is His body of which He is the head over (**Ephesians 1:19-23; 5:23**).

1. Those converted are added to the body; the church (**Acts 2:41; 47**).

2. That means we, who have and are continually obeying Him, are His body/church (**I Corinthians 12:27**).

B. His church belongs to HIM (**Matthew 16:13-18**).

1. We are conditionally His house (**Hebrews 3:1-6**).

2. Instructions are in place for how we are to behave when we assemble as His house (**I Timothy 3:15**).

3. That condition of us being His house is that we continue in His will (**Colossians 1:18-24**).

C. Having laid all the principles above, we have to reject any movement/doctrines of men (**I Timothy 1:3-7** and **Titus 1:10-14**).

1. God has long ago established that man’s way and His way are not the same (**Proverbs 3:5-7, Isaiah 55:6-9, and Jeremiah 10:23**).

2. We cannot strive to please man and Christ (**Galatians 1:10**).

3. That includes allowing such doctrines even to just be among us (**Revelation 2:14-16**).

4. This is lonely, for many would rather follow men (**II Timothy 4:1-5**).

5. Therefore, we must be resolute to reject that which is of man (**Colossians 2:18-23**).

III. Conclusion: Jesus gave Himself for His church (**Ephesians 5:25**). Not a movement!