

Where did denominations come from?

The myth of succession

Myth: Church A is better than Church B, because Church A was established &/or led by an Apostle.

33AD. All the believers, except the apostles, were scattered. Acts 8:1,4

50AD. Antioch has prophets and teachers but no apostles. Acts 13:1-3

55AD. ...go to Jerusalem to see the apostles. Acts 15:2
Jerusalem church led by James, the Lord's brother. Acts 15:13-21

The myth of the church

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Great is our Lord and mighty in power. His understanding has no limit.
Psalm 147:5

To Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever! Amen! Ephesians 3:20-21

The Great Schism of 1054

The myth of doctrinal

Myth: Church A is better than Church B because Church A has more truth than Church B.

The Gospel reveals the righteousness of God. Romans 1:17

The Gospel is God's declaration of righteousness.

The Gospel is God's gift of righteousness.

By grace you have been saved through faith. This is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

I don't need more Truth, I just need more obedience.

My prayer priorities, 28 October 2018

Today's song selection

Praise Him and lift Him up | I believe | It's about the cross | How great Thou art | In Christ alone | So many books | The power and the glory of Your name | Living in the rhythm of grace

Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion

1. What motivated you to attend a Baptist church?
2. What do you see as the priorities that make our church different from any other church?
3. What must we do to ensure we have, and maintain, God's own priorities for His people?
4. The apostles stayed in Jerusalem (Acts 8:1, 15:2). Why do you think they stayed there, even through persecution?
5. If we, like the church at Antioch, have no apostles, how can we have leaders who will take us in the right direction?
6. How did the church at Antioch know what to do (Acts 13:1-3)? How close can we come to that model?

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