

Can You Be An Udenominational Christian?

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What denomination were Peter, Paul, Philip, and Barnabas members of? I dare say that practically everyone would agree that they were not members of any denomination, for there were no denominations in the first century. Is it possible today for a person to be as they were? I am not speaking of being in an ecclesiastical organization which simply claims to be “non-denominational.” I am talking about actually being an udenominational Christian.

Our aim is to proclaim udenominational Christianity and plead for a return to God’s ways. The basis for salvation in New Testament times was the response of human beings to the preaching of the good news of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16). He, possessing all the attributes of Deity, gave up the glory of heaven and came to this earth as a humble Savior (Philippians 2:5-8). As a result of His death, burial, and resurrection, salvation was offered as a free gift to all who would submit to Him by faith (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Those who were thus saved by their trust and obedience were added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:36-41, 47). They were Christians — and Christians only (Acts 11:26, 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16). Our message is that people can be saved in the same way and can still be just Christians today. The Bible presents all the saved as one spiritual body in Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:4, 5:23). Can you be in this body or church without affiliation to a denomination? God’s word teaches that you can, and this is what we want to announce.

How is all this accomplished? *“The seed is the word of God”* (Luke 8:11). The same gospel of Christ is God’s power unto salvation (Romans 1:16). It can be preached today as it was in the first century, and folks can obey from the heart that same form of doctrine as they did in New Testament days (Romans 6:17-18; cf. vs. 3-4). When this happens, then the same results will be forthcoming — just like planting the same kind of seed year after year. If you are interested in this, we would like to study further with you. Won’t you give it some thought?

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