

## How Many Brands of Christianity Are There?

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Romans 8:1)*

The unity of believers is based on uniting around the truth of Romans 8:1, which is what Christ Jesus did for us. The fear of the Lord calls us to not treat that lightly. Churches that act as social clubs are walking after the flesh. Only a spiritual man can discern such:

*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14)*

*Can two walk together, except they be agreed? (Amos 3:3) or what communion hath light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:15).* The Bible instructs us to come out from among them if the light of Christianity isn't there (2 Cor. 6:14,17). Jesus is the Light (John 1:4-10), but it is not discerned without the Spirit (Romans 8:9).

The Christian life involves growth and bearing fruit, and operating in the various gifts of the Spirit, but there's only one Vine. Jesus is the Lord, the Spirit, the head of the church, and the Father. He broke down the wall of separation between the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus being the head of the body or the cornerstone of the building with one foundation brings unity. (Matt.13:23, 1 Cor. 12:3-7, John 15:1,5-7, 2 Cor. 3:14-17, Isaiah 9:6, Eph. 2:14,18,22, 5:23)

*Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. (Eph. 4:3-7)*

So how many brands of Christianity does the Bible say there are? One. Where the Bible speaks of different churches, like in Revelation chapters 2 and 3, they are distinctive because of their geographical location, not because of varying doctrinal beliefs or lack thereof. The Spirit of the Lord directs us to the place in His body He wants us to function in. All the feet don't gather together, nor does the eye say it doesn't need the hand (1 Cor. 12:15-21). *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16).*