



**NEWS AND NOTES**  
**TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME**

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYER**

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**OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Please continue to keep Ryan and Lacey Smith in your prayers as well as their new blessing, Parker.
- Monthly Fellowship Meal — Today in between services.
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers (If you would like to help with or host a get-together, please let Chase know)

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but they limit their fellowship to those of that faith. That is why some call them a “sect.”

“Pre-denominational” is a relatively new term (as least it is to me.) “Pre” means “before.” A church that is “pre-denominational” is a church that existed before there were denominations. While some find it difficult to think of a church existing today that is not part of a denomination, they never seem to have a problem understanding that the church Jesus established in the New Testament was pre-denominational. In the New Testament, people were baptized into Christ and added to His church without joining any denomination. (There was no denomination to join; there was just the one church.) These pre-denominational Christians worked together and assembled to worship in independent congregations. Elders were appointed to shepherd the flock and to oversee their work, and some of the saints were asked to serve as deacons. Christ was their Head, and they recognized a common identity with those in other locations with the same faith. “Pre-denominational” is a good term; it points back to the early church. We can hear the same Gospel they heard, respond to it the same way, be added to the same church and gather in local congregations to worship just as they did, without joining any denomination.

We can be the pre-denominational church. Those who do not understand this may call us a “sect,” but that is nothing new.

\*This is a minor edit from Brother Boyd’s original article. He had put “versions,” but I believe he meant to say, “verses.” The same Greek Word translated as “sect” is often translated as “heresy” as well (e.g. Acts 24:14; 1 Cor. 11:19; etc.).

**Note:**

Many times today, when people use the term “non-denominational,” what they really mean is “multi-denominational.” While “non-denominational” is a good term if used correctly, it is not good when people use it in a “multi-denominational” way. In other words, they accept people of all different beliefs into their fellowship, regardless of whether or not a change of doctrine has been accepted, and prior false doctrines renounced.

When someone mentions to me that their church is a “non-denominational” church, this is a great conversation starter. It is critical when these conversations ensue that we point out that the Lord’s church has been preaching true non-denominationalism long before it became popular, and that true non-denominationalism is not “multi-denominationalism,” but rather “pre-denominational,” “un-denominational,” and “anti-denominational.” — **TCG**

***Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It  
Chase Green***

There’s a famous tag line in spy novels and movies — “Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is as follows …” Usually what follows is a note or some other communication device that explains the mission then proceeding to explode into thin air.

Have you ever thought about this from a spiritual standpoint? WHAT IF, just as Jesus was leaving Heaven to be “found in fashion as a man” and “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Php. 2:8), He was handed a note that said, “Your mission, should you choose to accept it?” All of the hope of humanity would have rested on the shoulders of the One Who had to make the decision whether or not to accept the mission.

Jesus willingly came to the earth, lived and died for us, clearly accepting the mission. I have no doubt that that was always His intention. It was always His intention, just as it was always the Father’s intention (i.e. John 3:16).

But WHAT IF Jesus had chosen otherwise? Then we would be in a whole world of trouble!

Switching gears. What if Jesus had stated in Matthew 28:19 and following, “Your mission, should you choose to accept it …” Jesus didn’t say that. He simply said “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them …” Although Jesus didn’t say the words, “Your mission, should you choose to accept it,” we do have a choice as to whether or not we will obey His commandment to go and teach and baptize. But we better understand the consequences!

If we don’t choose to accept the mission, then souls will be lost that otherwise might would have obeyed Him. If we don’t choose to accept the mission, then the church will not grow as much as it ought. If we don’t choose to accept the mission, then souls will continue to grovel in the confusion and division of denominationalism. If we do not choose to accept the mission, then our souls will also be endangered because we have refused to do the Lord’s work.

The stakes are high! Souls are hanging in the balance! What if Jesus had chosen not to accept the mission? What if YOU choose not to accept the mission?

With love, Chase

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

“Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God  
hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”  
Matt. 19:6

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