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Ephesians 3:21



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- <sup>8</sup> To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,



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- <sup>9</sup> and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;



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- <sup>10</sup> to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,



Ephesians 3:8-11

- <sup>11</sup> according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,



## The Manifold Wisdom of God

- God has a plan for the church
  - Eternal purpose (vv.10-11)
  - Purchased the church with His blood (Ac.20:28)



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- (Psa.106:12-13)
  - <sup>12</sup> Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.
  - <sup>13</sup> They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,



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- The need for investigation to determine God's plan for the church
  - Examination is needed – NOT supposition
  - (2 Cor.13:5)



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The Church That  
Glorifies God Is...

- Un-denominational in its Nature
  - The Church that belongs to Christ is not a denomination
  - Denom. suggests a fraction or part of a whole
  - The Church is the whole of God's people



The Church That  
Glorifies God Is...

- Un-denominational in its Nature
  - In the First Century, all sound churches:
    - Taught the same thing
    - Practiced the same thing
    - Wore no exclusive designations



The Church That  
Glorifies God Is...

- Un-denominational in its Nature
  - Christ's gospel does not create denominations
    - Gospel's purpose is to save, not denominate
    - Gospel's requirements are un denominational
    - Gospel's results are un denominational



## The Church That Glorifies God...

- Is Un-denominational in its nature
- Emphasizes the spiritual over the physical
  - Jesus  
(Matt.16:25-26)  
(Rev.3:17,18)
  - Peter (Acts 5:29)  
(1Pet.1:23-25)





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  - Paul (Rom.12:1,2)  
(2Cor.4:16-18)
  - John  
(1Jn.2:15-17)



## The Church That Glorifies God...

- Is Un-denominational in its nature
- Emphasizes the Spiritual over the Physical
- Is Intolerant of Evil
  - Christians in the N.T. were careful to maintain a purity of life consistent with the example of Christ
  - (1Pet.2:21-23)



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  - Does not mean that they NEVER sinned
  - (Ac.5:1-3)  
(Gal.2:11-14)



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  - But they were taught to live above sin  
(1Cor.15:34)



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  - Their sins were not habitual  
(1 Jn.3:8-9)



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  - Preachers in the First Century were Constant in their Reproof and Rebuke of Sin – ALL Sin



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  - Let Us Restore the Preaching and Plea of the First Century



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  - We must begin with an intolerance of evil in our own lives
  - Titus 2:11-12





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- Is characterized by Loyalty and Devotion
  - Commitment of the early disciples



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  - No compromise!



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  - Suffering for Christ in different ways



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  - The church grew during these times



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  - Willingness to sacrifice



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  - Jesus was exclusive



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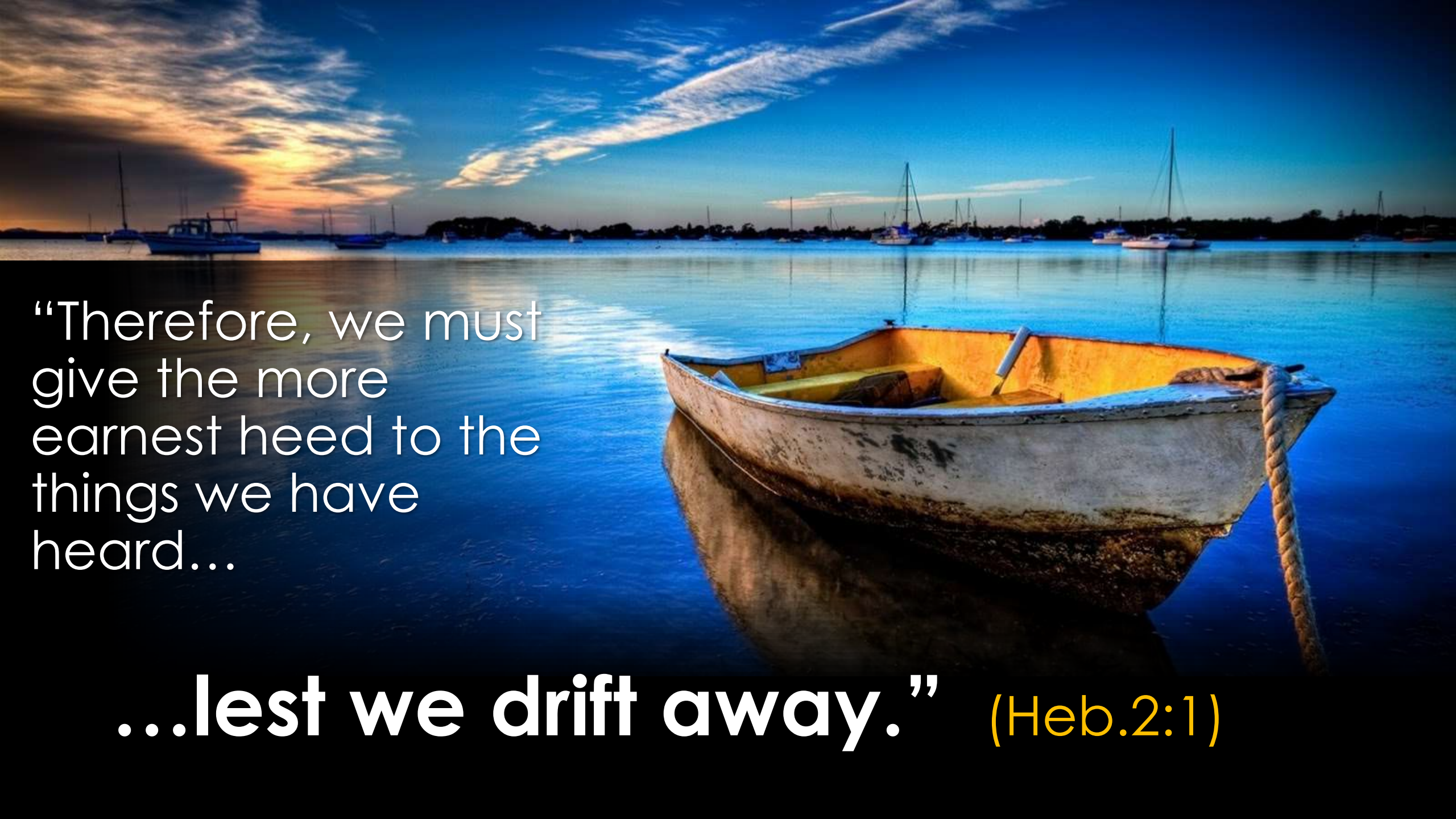
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Are All Churches of  
Christ the Same?

- There IS a Difference
- Does it matter?
- Are These Churches Sound?



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