

# ECUMENICALISM

Galatians 1:6-10



# THE APPEAL

- Ecumenicalism - movement that promotes cooperation and better understanding among different religious denominations: aimed at universal Christian unity
- We ought to be characterized by love and not division (Jn. 13:35).
- Division is what the epistles spend the most time writing against (1 Cor. 1:10-17).
- There should only be one church (Eph. 4:4-6).

# THE TACTICS

- Ignore passages that demand division (Matt. 10:34-39).
- Define false doctrine as that which causes division (1 Tim. 6:3-4).
- Pretend issues not explicitly mentioned in Scripture are not vital (Matt. 23:23-24).
- Use poorly defined language to describe fellow Christians.
- Criticize labels that describe beliefs.

# THE TRUTH

- The Bible labels various beliefs and doctrines (Gal. 2:12; Rev. 2:15).
- Calling on the name of Jesus means more than saying His name (Matt. 7:21-23; cf. Jas. 2:19).
- Relatively few things are explicitly stated in Scripture (Gal. 5:19-21).
- Division is inevitable (Gal. 1:6-10).