

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY CHURCHES?

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read the text: Matthew 16:17-19.**
- B. Regarding the text.**
 - 1. There are many to choose from. But are they all authorized?!
 - 2. Please note “so many.” Meaning a multitude.
 - 3. What does the Bible teach concerning this question?

Discussion: why are there so many?

I. IT IS NOT BECAUSE...

- A. Jesus desired many.**
 - 1. Matthew 16:16-18.
 - 2. Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4.
- B. There are many doctrines to authorize many.**
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 1:10-12.
 - 2. Galatians 1:6-10.
 - 3. Romans 1:16.
- C. We cannot understand the teaching about the church.**
 - 1. John 8:32.
 - 2. Ephesians 4:4 (Colossians 1:18).
- D. Christ died to purchase MANY churches (Acts 20:28).**

II. WE SEE MANY CHURCHES BECAUSE...

- A. Men believe the teachings of other men.**
 - 1. 2 Timothy 4:1-4.
 - 2. 2 Thessalonians 2:10.
- B. Men want to establish their own righteousness.**
 - 1. Romans 10:3.
 - 2. Romans 1:16-17.
- C. Men establish their own religion according to what they like and what they want to do.**
 - 1. 2 Timothy 4:3-4.
 - 2. Isaiah 30:10.

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. The above passages are proof positive that God is not pleased with many churches.**
- B. We must never add to God's word.**
 - 1. Revelation 22:18-19.
 - 2. Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 1:18, 24.
- C. One is the number God has chosen!**