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We need to learn to get along in church. Not a new problem was around in Jesus' time:

Acts 6:1

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews^[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

The Jews could not get along. The problem was in traditions. Some were very grounded in the old-fashioned, while others conformed to the new Roman laws. A rift started to form. This rift eventually kicked out The Way sect forming the Christian church. They formed a new Church called the Christians. We then could not get alone. They eventually became the catholic church and the reformation started. Or the reform with Luther broke off and started his own church. He waws a catholic Print and formed the Lutheran church. They kept splintering to other churches sometimes over things as small as color of paint. Luther was the language of The Bible.

Today we have many churches with different traditions reading the same Bible, even the same translation sometimes. Others say king James, others new king James, ithers still Niv, esv, nirv and many more. Still the same word of God just some word by word translations while others phrase by phrase. Still the same word. Jesus delt with this in his time also:

Mark 9:38-41 niv

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Jesus could has easily been speaking of today as well. As we bicker about denominations. We need to remember we all believe the same. The only one benefiting from our fighting is The Devil. Attention is off him and on other Christians. Get along and not fight.

A pastor may years ago told me we need to major on the majors and minor on the minors.

My Major is Christ!

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