

Reject, but Don't Deny – No. 3

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At only two moments of history has the majority of mankind revered the Will of its Creator – in the Garden of Eden before Eve sinned (Gen. 3:6) and after the Flood cleansed the earth (7:17–23). Ever since, both sacred and profane history record the constant sad story of the rejection of God by most of mankind. Some find it not enough merely to reject Him but seem determined to justify their sin by denying that His Word forbids and/or rebukes their course.

Following are some Bible doctrines that men reject, but which they cannot honestly deny the Bible sets forth:

- The majority of men who profess faith in Jesus Christ believe that the denominational system of thousands of different churches, divided by name, doctrine, and practice, pleases Him. Men have invented clever slogans to justify this practice (e.g., One church is as good as another; We're traveling different roads, but we're all going to the same place; All the churches are part of the one 'invisible' church. et al.). Some pervert Jesus' words, "I am the vine, ye are the branches" (John 15:5), to refer to various churches rather than to individuals. They conveniently overlook the fact that, in the same upper-room meeting, Jesus prayed that all believers would be one (17:20–21). The denominational schema is a blatant rejection of the Will of Him Who built and bought His church at the price of His blood (Mat. 16:18; Acts 20:28). Jesus is the head of His one church, which is bound together by His one Gospel (Eph. 1:22–23; 4:2–6; 5:23–24; Gal. 1:6–9). Men may reject what the Bible says about the church but let them be honorable enough not to deny that it condemns and rebukes their error.
- Most professed believers have accepted the canard that concern for any doctrine besides "belief in Christ" is irrelevant and/or unimportant. This idea is a necessary correlative to the denominational industry, since doctrinal diversity is its foundation. Satan long ago devised the slogan, "It makes no difference what one believes as long as he is sincere" to discourage any who might get the idea that the New Testament demands doctrinal purity, which indeed it does. Jesus and almost every New Testament writer warned of false doctrine and its purveyors (Mat. 7:15; 15:8–9; 2 Tim. 4:1–4; 2 Pet. 2:1–3; 2 John 9–11; Jude 3; et al.). Men may reject the necessity of sound doctrine, but none can honestly deny the significance inspired men attached to it.

One adds sin to sin when he not only rejects Bible teaching but denies that the Bible teaches the very thing he has rejected.

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