

# 1. What Is Denominationalism?

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## 7. What Does Acappella Mean?

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# Answer Key / Explanation

**STOP!** Before you read the answers, please write your own answers to the questions to the left. In this way you will learn best.

Why have I asked you to define these words? Do any of you understand why I asked you to tell me their meaning? It was to prove to you that we who are Christians are smart enough to be able to define most of these words, and words like them, but we are not faithful enough to God to stop using them as doctrine. They are the vocabulary [the words] of men, not the vocabulary [the words] of God. We end up making doctrines out of them, and therefore we have become vain in our worship and teaching about God. We have used these man-made words to *condemn* others. But we have also used them to *praise* ourselves. This is hypocritical and divisive. For example, did you answer the vocabulary test correctly? Consider my answers.

**Q1.** The word “denominationalism” is not in my Bible concordance. Therefore, I cannot truly tell you what it means. It is not God-breathed. This word is not even in the Bible. Why, therefore, are we using it to speak against others or praise ourselves? For the answer to **Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, and Q8** see my answer to **Q1**.

**Now, What Is the Point of This Vocabulary Lesson?** It is to get us to stop using the words of men to condemn others as sinners and praise ourselves as saints! Instead, we ought to speak the vocabulary [the words] of God. We ought to habitually use the word of God, the teachings and sayings of God, not the sayings of men. As God said, **“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles [i.e. the words] of God” (1 Pe 4:11 KJV)**. Do you speak the words of God? When you speak, what vocabulary [words] do you use? Examine your speech!

For example, instead of condemning other churches as being “**denominations**” and praising ourselves as being “**non-denominational**” or “**un-denominational**”, instead of categorizing churches as denominational or non-denominational, we ought to categorize them as being spiritual or sensual, truthful or erring. God is seeking worshipers who worship Him in spirit and in truth (**SEE Jn 4:24**), not in traditional or contemporary, denominational or **non-denominational**, etc. It is not about being non-denominational, but about being spiritual and truthful. To learn more about this, order my free *Bible Study on True Worshipers*, “*For Such People the Father Seeks to Be His Worshipers*” Jn 4:23.

**Note:** Obviously, there are many other words we use in the kingdom of God which are not in the Bible, which are not in our concordances, which are the vocabulary of men, words like “Orthodox”, or “Amillennial”, or “Kosher”. And we could define them all, we are very intelligent. But the point of this lesson is not to see how smart we are. The point of this lesson is not to see how many religious sounding words we know, and can define, and can list. The point of this lesson is to get us to stop using them, to stop building our worship life around them, and instead use the word of God. The goal of this lesson is to get us in the habit of using God’s vocabulary. And in so doing, judiciously, with compassion, and wisdom, we might be able to properly condemn (speak against) others as sinners and praise ourselves as saints. Use the specific teachings of God.

**On “Legalism”**, I have noticed that certain worshipers like to differentiate and praise themselves as not being “Legalistic”, while at the same time condemning [i.e. speaking against] other worshipers who, for example, keep or require a certain gospel commandment, like baptism. They say, “I do not want to be legalistic about it” or “Do not be legalistic about it”. But instead, if it is commanded by Christ, they ought to be saying, “Let us obey it”.

**Note:** I find that the ones who do this, for some reason, (1) do not like to practice commandments in the New Testament, (2) have not kept some important teaching, or (3) have misapplied a commandment, or (4) have overcome a church that was strictly practicing and enforcing the traditions of men, or (5) they think that the gospel is all about not having to obey anything, even if it is in the gospel, or (6) they think to love God is to not require or adhere to any commandment, or (7) they are mistaken about the gospel teachings which relate to Christians not being required to keep the O.T. Law of Moses, thinking Christ meant any law, even His gospel law does not have to be kept or adhered to. Now, every worshiper of God ought to believe what the Scripture says, that **“He [Jesus] became to all those who **obey Him the source of eternal salvation**” (He 5:9)**. And that **“this is the **love of God, that we keep His commandments**” (1 Jn 5:3)**. We cannot earn salvation, Christ earned it for us. But we must obey/keep the gospel to be saved, for all those who do not obey the gospel will pay the ultimate penalty of eternity in hellfire (**SEE 2 Thess 1:8, 9**). Be obedient, not rebellious. Do not be a rebel on Christian gospel teachings. You cannot separate love from obedience, for Jesus said if you [1] **love me**, [2] **keep my commandments** (Jn 14:15). Therefore practicing what is right is not being “legalistic”. It is love towards God. It is righteousness.

**On “Rapture”**, I have noticed that so called “prophetic” men; men who are obsessed with prophecy; men who have a passion for future events; love to use and define this word “rapture”, and sometimes they define it very inaccurately! Instead, let us talk about **“the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess 5:23)**, and let us do this accurately!

**On “Acappella”**, the literal definition of this word is “in the style of the chapel” or “according to the chapel”. Brethren, I will not sing according to the chapel (i.e. acappella). I will sing in spirit and in truth, which is the kind of worship God seeks (Jn 4:24).

**Note:** But someone will say, “Acappella can also be defined as non-instrumental worship!” Like I said, we are very intelligent, we can understand all kinds of senses of words. But we cannot easily stick to using the words of God. We cannot easily pass His vocabulary test, because we have inserted our own doctrinal words into His will. Acappella is not in my concordance! And some people say their church is not a denomination. Again, that word also is not in my concordance.

**On “Digressive Preacher”**, refer to my tract *Plates & Cups or Body & Blood?*

**Now, someone might say:** “**Trinity** is not in the Bible but it is a good word, we can use it.” “It means that there is a Father, a Son, and the Holy Spirit.” My answer is this: even good words, which describe things, seemingly in a good or acceptable light, are still not God-breathed, and therefore can be used in an offensive way to God. For example, when did God ever say that His name was “Trinity”? This could offend Him. For example, one scripture says, **“If I am a Father, where is my honor?”** Now replace the word “Father” with “trinity”; If I am a Trinity, where is my honor? Do you see the potential problem with using this seemingly good word? God never said He was a trinity. He is not a three.

**Finally**, when you speak about religion, when you speak about religious people, when you speak about your own church, for better or for worse, to praise or to condemn, I encourage you to use the vocabulary [the words] of God to describe them, not the vocabulary [the words] of men. God especially wants us to do this on church/worship days (**SEE Isa 58:13**). **In Jesus’ name, Rick David, an Evangelist & Author of FreeBibleStudy.org**

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Acappella

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Rapture

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# Vocabulary

UnDenominational

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# Lesson for Christians

Legalism

Liberal

Traditional

Amillennial

Contemporary

Anti-Denominational

Classical

Moderate

Evangelical

Denominational

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