

When To Leave a Body Biblically

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This article is about how to decide, using God's Word, when to leave or not unite with a body.

The Lord's Word gives His true people specific instructions on who to unite with and who to not associate with. If we claim Him, we must hold true to His Word, amen? We would like to start this post with some questions:

Who do you unite with as the **true body of Christ** ?

Why would you **dis-associate with others** biblically?

On **what scripture** do you use to decide this matter?

There is much confusion and unbiblical teaching today on what is a true body of Christ.

In this "so called" post Christian nation there are many warped and perverted religious systems (catholicism/denominationalism/evangelicalism) and many people struggle and are trapped in them daily. Compromise is the main way and the decision of "WHEN" or when "NOT" to unite with a group of others who gather in Christ's name is one of those decisions and struggles we want to cover here. In the past years we have had to leave and not associate with bodies that we have come across (or have come to us) for various theological reasons. We believe what God's Holy Word says in full (and the Apostle Paul instructed us) to keep the body of Christ pure by separating with those in sin or unsound doctrines and NOT to compromise for unity sake.

2 Thessalonians 3:14

And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

Romans 16:17

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

1 Corinthians 5

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

Before we any go further we would point you to this post we did that biblically lays out the characteristics of a TRUE New Testament Christian body [HERE](#). Please read/listen to that first then it will help you to understand our key points as we move ahead on this post.

Many will (sadly) base the decision to unite or not to unite on their feelings, preferences and personal ideals. This is very wrong and leads to a sinful carnal, man centered life not a biblical Christ centered life.

You may then ask what is the correct godly criteria that a true follower of Christ should use in helping them make this decision? We are not talking about local church membership as that is not biblical anyway (Click here for a article on local church membership) but we are talking about who do you "gather and fellowship with" in Christ's name and what criteria do you use to make sure your doing it to honor God fully?

The following scripture guidelines can be used biblically for us all to decide if we will stay gathering with a body or leave it over its un-biblical issues:

*If heresy on truth is being taught (Galatians 1:7-9).

*If the leaders of the body tolerate seriously errant doctrine (Romans 16:17).

*If the body is characterized by a disregard for Scripture, such as a refusal to discipline members who are sinning (1 Corinthians 5).

*If unholy living is tolerated in the body (1 Corinthians 5).

*If the body is marked by gross hypocrisy, giving lip service to biblical Christianity but refusing to acknowledge its true power (2 Timothy 3:5).

If you claim Christ, you are called to obey God's Word and NOT unite with those who do not have sound doctrine.

Warning: if you let your flesh, tradition, feelings, popularity, family or love of friends make your spiritual decisions, you won't be a biblical believer but a **compromised** one indeed. Click **HERE**. to read a article on Division that Jesus taught about and He Himself brought

Today we stand on what God's Word says and we will not compromise on its truth even if we must stand against all of man made denominational/evangelical false systems on every corner.

Please test us and then test yourself to God's holy word using this 10 point test **HERE** for yourself and your body.

Again test us and test ALL your own ways to God's Word (1 Thessalonians 5:21) lest you find you're not in Christ at all and just a reprobate (2 Corinthians 13:5) You could be a false convert as we were for so many years in the pews before we left man made religion to seek the true New Testament church of Jesus Christ. We hope the resources on our site will help you find the truth and you will repent of man made false religious ways.

The Apostle Paul said a small amount of sin would affect the whole body (Galatians 5:9) and Jesus said to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

So how can you remove all sin and be in truth if you're sitting in a compromised body that allows or has sin, error filled traditions, man's false ways and lies at work at its very foundation every week?

That's something you need to answer, amen?