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Eph. 5:21-28

Not concerned what town thinks. They're not here to learn.  
**INT:** Vitally concerned about what you believe. Burden on me.  
 Rule: Less one knows about Bible louder he is about ignor.  
 No opinions accepted! Speak-Thus saith the Lord-or quiet.

I. SOME COMMON OPINIONS WHICH FALL SHORT OF TRUTH OF GOD.

- A. "There's nothing in a Name". Believe it only in Rel.  
 1. No man let's wife wear maiden or other man's name.  
 2. People touchy about spelling of name. Sensitive.  
 3. If God named things, let man call them correctly.
- B. "One Church is as good as another!" Don't practice it.  
 1. Find evidence that God is behind religious division.  
 2. One "denomination" IS as good as another and also one is just as bad as another one. Not God's work.  
 3. One pattern in Bible and one alone. Find it! Safe!
- C. "Doesn't make any difference to me". Loudest talkers.  
 1. Shows no regard for God's Word or respect-teachings.  
 2. Lord wants it to make difference. II John 9. Jude 3.
- D. "Doesn't matter which, just so you join a church."  
 1. Does matter! No body can join the church of Christ!  
 2. Does matter because Christ only built one church!  
 a. Jesus promised to build only one. Matt. 16:18.  
 b. Paul called the plural, all by same name. R.16:16  
 3. No man ever joined the true, Bible church of Christ.  
 a. Then how do the members get into the church?  
 4. Various illustrations on how members get into church.  
 a. Born into God's family as you born into yours.  
 (1) Moment you were born you were in family. J.3:5
- E. "The church never will save anybody!" Not the contentions  
 1. Not saved BY church, but saved are IN church. Family.  
 2. Let's note what church is and what's in it.  
 a. Is Christ's body. Col. 1:18. Saves it. Eph. 5:23.  
 b. Church is kingdom. Any saved outside kingdom?  
 c. All spiritual blessings in Him. Eph. 1:3. Not out!  
 d. Salvation is in Christ, his body. II Tim. 2:10.
- F. "I'll trust to my good life and hope I make it!"  
 1. Name one case of salvation by good life only.  
 a. Can a life be good without obeying God's Word?  
 2. Anyone better than Cornelius? He needed saving.  
 3. If man knew his Bible he wouldn't stop here at all.  
 4. Is the good life the power of God unto salvation?  
 5. Only way: Study God's Word, obey it's teachings. R.1:16

**INV:**

Invitation is yours. Come to the Savior, make no delay.