

Like all the Nations

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Introduction

1. 1 Samuel 8:1-9
2. The people of Israel are tired of Samuel's sons abusing them.
3. They wanted to be like all the nations about them who had a king. Did they think that a king would be better than God ruling over them 8:7-8
4. There is history about there being a king over the house of Israel Genesis 49:10; Numbers 24:17; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Samuel 2:10
5. The Israelites were God's chosen people yet they want to be like the people about them, just like everybody else.
6. The church today is God's chosen people. Ephesians 1:4; Romans 2:28-29
7. Are we as God's chosen people wanting to become like the religious groups around us?
8. How could we want to do this?

II Discussion

1. The true church
 1. It is the body of Christ Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
 2. He is the head of the this body Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23
 3. There is only one body Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12
 4. We are to be united as a family 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Corinthians 1:10
 5. There is to be no division in this family 1 Corinthians 1:10-11, 13; Ephesians 4:3
2. The true church becoming like religious groups around us
 1. In the work that we choose to do are becoming like the denominations?
 1. Are there many ways to heaven? John 14:6; Matthew 7:13-14
 2. Is the church unimportant Acts 20:28, Given me the man and not the plan
 3. The church is to take care of the widows and orphans James 1:26; 1 Timothy 5:9 Acts 6:1
 4. In the way we take care of national disasters Acts 11:29
 2. In our language that we use are we becoming like our religious friends?
 1. Nehemiah had this problem Nehemiah 13:24
 2. What do we call the preacher today?
 3. Do we have church of Christ preachers, schools, teachers, funerals,
 4. What does the Bible say about these things?
 3. In our organization are we becoming like the religions about us?
 1. Do we have the "pastor" system, the preacher is in charge?
 2. What are we doing about training elders Titus 1:5
 3. Women preachers 1 Timothy 2:9-12

III Conclusion

1. It is easy to become like the people about us, it is the easy way to do things
2. Are we being destroyed for a lack of knowledge Hosea 4:6
3. Will there be a distinct group of people here at Gray in the next generation?

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