

Think About This!

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What would you think if someone told you that four hundred different nations, very diverse in many ways, could all stem from our constitution, could all give allegiance to our president and be a united people? I am speaking of diversities in

- forms of government (royalty, dictatorship, republic, or whatever),
- different headquarters (centers of ultimate authority for each nation),
- conditions to (or requirements for) citizenship,
- their justice systems,
- what they call their officials and their methods of selecting them,
- their patriotism to their respective nations and salutations to their respective flags,
- and in sending out missionaries to the rest of the people on earth to win them to their respective nations.

Despite these diversities, you are told that these four hundred nations are really united. Even though they argue, debate and openly oppose each other and try to outdo each other “visibly,” they claim there is an “invisible” unity and they all love each other. You are told that the outward visible disunity doesn’t really matter so long as they all claim to love the President provided for in the constitution, believe he really is who he claims to be and that he got that position because of his claim. After all, one nation is as good as another and it doesn’t make any difference which nation you join so long as it is a good one. In reality, all four hundred nations are striving toward the same end, you are told.

What would you really think if someone tried to tell you that? Isn’t that exactly the same thing the divided religious world is trying to tell us with respect to Christianity? The millions of those who claim to believe in Christ, love him and obey him are divided into hundreds of denominations and independent groups. They have their

- human names,
- human creeds,
- human systems of church government,
- earthly centers of respective authorities (headquarters),
- contradictory teachings concerning what is required to become a Christian, and
- allegiance to their respective groups because each group believes it is true to the Bible.

Yet, on the other hand, they tell us that these things do not make any difference as long as we all believe in Jesus and have a personal relationship with him. Is it possible for all these groups, with all their contradictions, to be in harmony with the one Bible and have the favor of the Lord Jesus? Think about it!