

“Congregational Conflicts”

Acts 6:1-7

Introduction

- I. Sadly, from time to time, issues arise in congregations that can cause much harm to the church (Acts 6:1-7; 15:1-2; the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians; Gal. 1:6-7; 4:9-11; Rev. 2 & 3).
- II. Thankfully, God has given us His Word as perfect instruction as how to deal with these issues.
- III. Let us notice so “congregational conflicts” that threaten the peace of the church.

Discussion

- I. False doctrines and teachings (Titus 1:10-14).
- II. Scruples and opinions (Matt. 15:1-2; Rom. 14:1-3).
- III. Preacher problems.
 - A. “Hobby” riding (Titus 3:10).
 - B. Unwillingness to address certain things (Acts 20:27).
 - C. Getting people to be “preacher followers” (1 Cor. 1:12-13).
 - D. Not “practicing what they preach” (Matt. 23:1-7).
- IV. Elder problems (Acts 20:29-30; Heb. 13:17).
- V. Envy, jealousy, and desire for preeminence (1 Cor. 3:1-3; James 3:13-16; 3 John 9).
- VI. Respect of persons (James 2:1-4, 9; 1 Tim. 5:21).
- VII. Worldliness and ungodliness (1 John 2:15-17; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 5:1-2).
- VIII. Christian versus Christian (Matt. 18:15-17).
- IX. Misuse of the tongue (James 3:5-6, 8).
- X. Be a busybody (1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Thess. 4:11).
- XI. No discipline (1 Cor. 5:1-7).

Conclusion

- I. These are only some of the “congregational conflicts” that can hurt the church.
- II. Let us do what we can to make sure we are not the cause, or furtherance, of such harms.