

Authority of the Scriptures

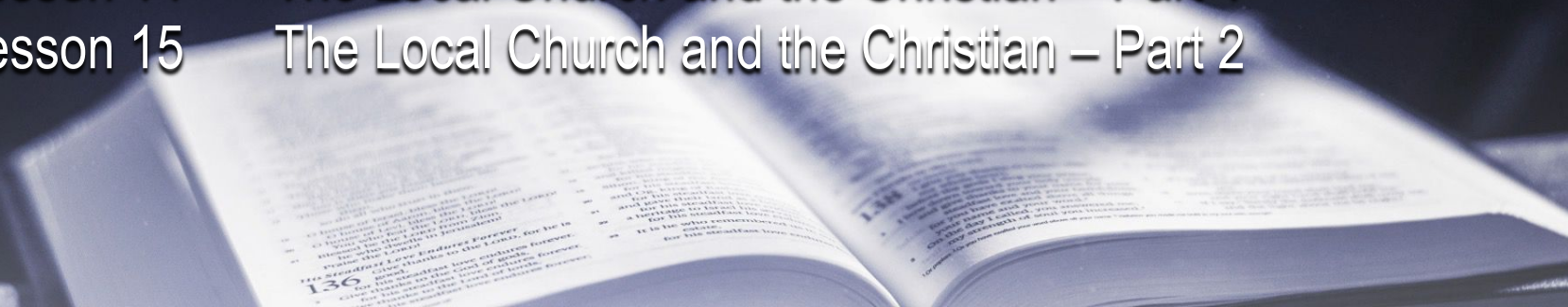


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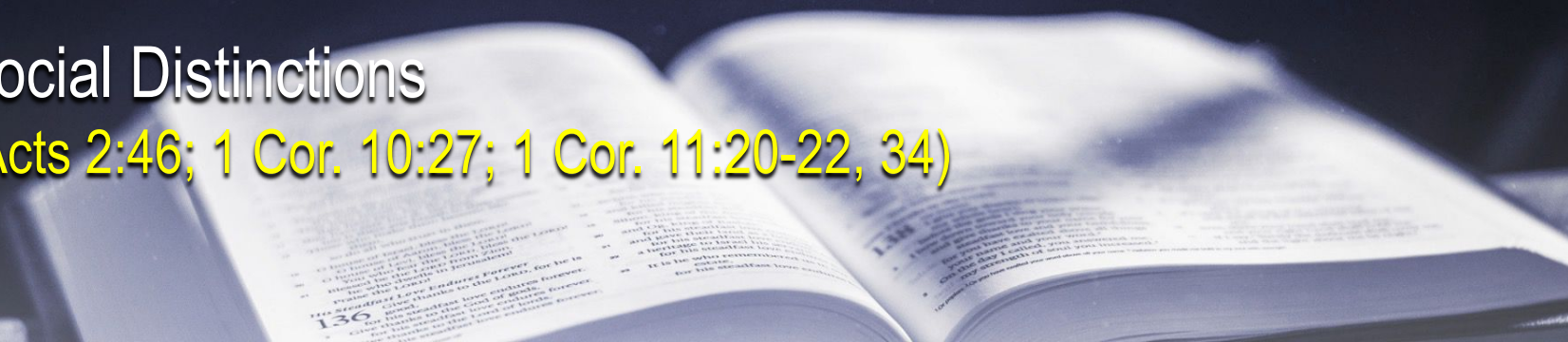


Does the Bible make a **distinction** between the actions of churches and individual Christians?



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- Domestic Distinctions
(1 Cor. 7:2; Eph 6:1-4; 1 Tim. 5:8; 1 Tim. 5:16)
- Economic Distinctions
(Acts 18:1-3; Eph. 4:28; 2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Cor. 16:1-2)
- Benevolence
(Matt. 25:31-46; James 1:27; 1 Cor. 16:1-3; Romans 15:25-26;
Acts 11:29-30)
- Spiritual Distinctions
(Gal. 6:1-2; Matt. 18:15-16; Matt. 18:17)
- Social Distinctions
(Acts 2:46; 1 Cor. 10:27; 1 Cor. 11:20-22, 34)



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- Fellowship with God

The Disciples at Sardis – Not all had “soiled” their garments.

Saul of Tarsus - His fellowship with God was not dependent on being in fellowship with the local church.

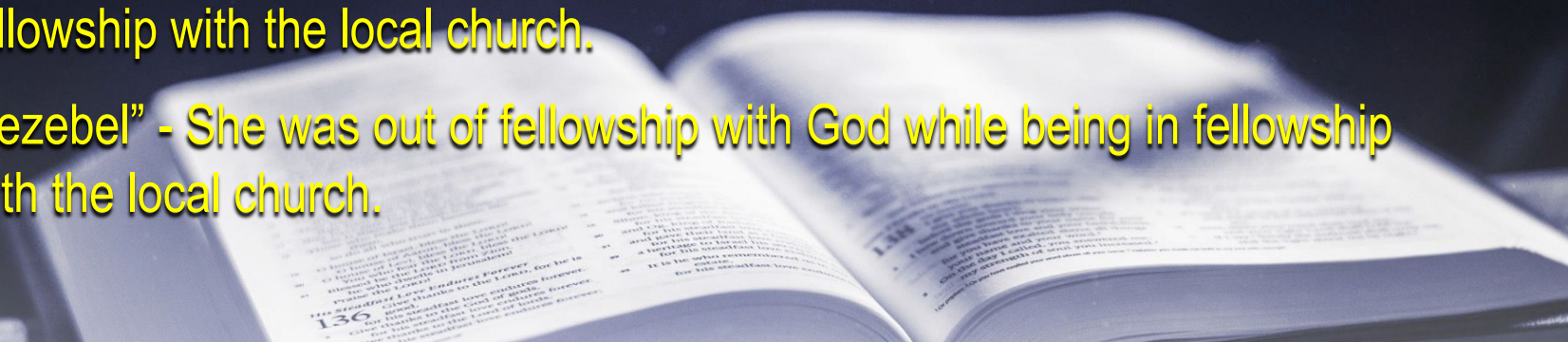
The Apostle John – His fellowship with God was not dependent on being in fellowship with Diotrephes.

- Fellowship with the Church

The Immoral brother in Corinth – He was out of fellowship with God while being in fellowship with the local church.

Diotrephes – He was out of fellowship with God while being in fellowship with the local church.

“Jezebel” - She was out of fellowship with God while being in fellowship with the local church.



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- Acts 2:42; 4:24; 20:7
Worshipping God
- 1 Corinthians 14:26
Edification
- 1 Thessalonians 1:8
Evangelism
- 1 Corinthians 5:4-5
Discipline
- Philippians 1:1; Titus 1:5
Appoint Qualified Leaders
- Ephesians 4:11-12
Equip Others for the Work of Service
- Philippians 1:5; 4:15
Support Preachers
- Acts 4:34-37; 2 Cor. 9:12-15
Assisting Needy Saints



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