



QA: Why Does Anyone Need "Organized Religion"? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "Why does anyone need 'organized religion?'"

REPLY: What would be the value of 'unorganized religion?'" An "unorganized" church ("assembly") is described thusly:

Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together.
(**Acts 19:32**)

God "organizes" His religion,

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. (**1 Corinthians 14:33**)

1. **What is "religion?"** Paul noted that the city of Athens was "very religious" (using a word that means, "fearful of deity"). Festus explained to King Agrippa that Jewish accusers:

... brought no accusation against him of such things as I supposed, but had some questions against him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.
(**Acts 25:18-19**)

"Religion" simply refers to a "reverence, awe, respect for some deity." **Religion is a natural, inherent attitude in all people.** Teaching about their "unknown god, Paul said:

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring." (**Acts 17:26- 28**)

The need to invent "gods" is because of this built-in void in every one of us!

2. **God "organizes" His "religion."**

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and

undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (**James 1:26-27**)

God insists that those practicing His religion must organize their speech, benevolent heart, and moral guidelines. ***Since the one, true God created all of us with a need for a "higher power" over us, He certainly has the right to tell us how we must show our reverence for Him.*** Even Jesus,

... in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. (**Hebrews 5:7-8**)

Therefore, Paul exhorted,

First of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. (**1 Timothy 2:1-3**)

Jesus pointed out that God specifies acceptable worship.

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him." (**John 4:23**)

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (**1 Corinthians 11:26**), and that was every first day of the week (**Acts 20:7**).

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (**Colossians 3:16-17**)

NO ONE CAN BE AGAINST GOD'S "ORGANIZED RELIGION" WITHOUT BEING AGAINST GOD!

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