



## Church Denominations



The original church or meeting place for followers of Christ was in the home of a Christ follower or Christian. They were called houses of peace. The early home churches were found in cities or towns such as Jerusalem, Antioch, and places the apostle Paul went to during his three missionary journeys. Seven churches are noted in the book of Revelations: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.



Today, there are some home churches, but most Christians prefer to meet in buildings designed for larger groups of people. If you are looking for a church home, that task has become more difficult because the number of denominations in towns and cities seems to be increasing. The individualism of our society has led to more branches and sub groups within Christianity. Often family backgrounds or experiences lead the individual to a familiar name or brand, organizational structure, and set of doctrines.



Expect some differences in their interpretation of issues or how churches should be run. Your agreement with matters of doctrine regarding Christ and salvation is very important and essential. When deciding which church to attend, we suggest looking at doctrinal statements. Find the church that you believe is biblical, healthy, and missional. It will help you grow and function as a member of His body.



We suggest prayerfully attending to see if it emphasizes Christ and His gospel. Teaching for all ages is helpful for families.



Opportunities for prayer, fellowship/community, love, and service ensure harmony within the church family and good relations with other denominations.

