

of Christ (A cult is a dividing following a seminal point that leads to a corruption of the body.). Biblical example of a sect: 1 Corinthians 1 ⁸¹² (some are Paulists, etc.); of a cult the dreamers spoken of in Jude. 8

b. Causes:

- Identity needs (a name)
- authority needs (are one)
- defense needs (protection)
- societal needs (status)

I will probably ramble about these until everyone who thought they understood the subject is thoroughly confused. But sects develop quickly and easily....cults take more time and effort and are more deadly to the testimony.

4. The challenge in our day, as I see it, is to be the Lord's alone but not such that limits the reality of grace. We worship and serve the Lord with all who love Him and our commitment is to Him as a foundation and to others as a fellowship.

D. Summary of this Day:

We have viewed the authority by which the church exists while seeking to grasp the wonder of its purpose, the core of its beliefs, and the cohesiveness that should define its character.

*use of beliefs
need of teaching*