

those who have the same Lord and the same Father (Jesus and God) he may not be styled properly as a schismatic or a heretic. No one should fear that he is causing schism when he leaves a denomination which has become apostate, even if it has a basic creed which is good. If that creed has been corrupted by an hierarchy of evil intent, lowering the standards of Godliness and lowering the teaching of Jesus and the apostles to the level of human wisdom, then one is not a schismatic for leaving that society. Calvin concludes by emphasizing again that any body where the doctrine of Christ is corrupted is not really a legitimate Church and to leave such a body is not schism.

What then of Calvin and the Separatist view of the Church? His writings leave no doubt. If John Calvin were here to view the Ecumenical Church today, he would see in it a beast just like he saw in the Church of Rome, where the teachings of Jesus and the doctrine of the apostles was and is still corrupted. The sacraments are no longer rightly observed, baptism and communion have lost in most cases all contact with their original meaning and intent, and the Bible has been subordinated to the authority and the minds of man. Calvin would surely repeat for our church situation today that no one in this twentieth century needs fear being called a schismatic or a heretic if he leaves a corrupted denomination to establish a Biblically separated Church to continue the propagation of truth once delivered to the Saints.