

Of course, not everyone or everything may be so easily programmed but this is how it seems to me and so it is the thing I am mentioning to you in such short divisions.

b. Brief analysis of Separatist reactions:

Separatism is the term describing those who felt tolerance of unbelief was impossible and consequently they separated thier affiliations from systems and institutions in which said practices were taught. Different lines of separatism will develope historically and, as a reationary force, there will not be the sort of uniformity of ideal as to keep all the parties working together in a practical and/or harmonistic way.

(1) General separatist concepts

(a) Virtually all separatist movements did not begin that way. Most were pushed to that end when it became apparent that the problems being faced were overwhelming or uncorrectable. As a rule this sort of decision was not made quickly but over the space of a generation or so. Separatism became a viable alternative when it was clear the intransigence of modern unbelief would not give way. Separatist ideology was then adopted to meet the need.

(b) The end result of separatism then was one of necessity more than of desire. Yet, when accomplished, it became (in many cases) intolerant of any non-separatist activity that had not yet been pushed to the brink.

(c) Determinate bodies therefore, maintaining a separatist posture, tended to maintain the distinctive of the parent body while hoping to corrent the weaknesses incumbent. In some ways it was a cloning process with a search for better genetic material.

(d) Now whether the following fproceeded or followed is not always clear but when separatism becomes established, its adherents give it a biblical nature and seek to uphold it on a doctrinal and theological basis.

(e) And so, as with most movements that are created in the battle, it tends to have difficulty with degree and acceptance. This is not a problem unknown in the other circles but it is strongly felt in separtist circle where truth is felt and polity is seen a important.

(2) Summary of Separatist Biblical concepts

Most separatists feel that the following are sufficient to demand