

TELEPHONE POLES AND TENNIS SHOES

Ephesians 4:4

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- **Genericide-**
 - When a trademark or brand name that, because of its popularity or significance, has become the generic term for, or synonymous with, a general class of products or services.
- Some common ones include: Kleenex, Frisbee, Band-aid, ChapStick, Popsicle, Q-tip.

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- **What about telephone poles?**
 - We call all wooden public poles telephone poles. However, some are light poles or power poles.
- **What about tennis shoes?**
 - We have gotten to the point that we call all athletic shoes, tennis shoes. However, not all athletic shoes are tennis shoes. In fact, in the city of Decatur, it is rare to find a store that carries true tennis shoes.

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- This is a running shoe



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- This is a basketball shoe



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- This is a cross training shoe



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- This is a fashion shoe



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- This is a true tennis shoe



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- So what's the point that we are attempting to make ?
- Not all churches that claim to be the church are "the" church!!!!
- However, every religious "Christian" group believes that they are the church.

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- Do you know what's the difference in a tennis shoe and another athletic shoe?

THEIR SOLE!!!!

- Do you know what's the difference in a religious person and a church member?

THEIR SOUL!!!!

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- A soul that seeks the Lord diligently- Deut. 4:29.
- A soul that is refreshed by the perfect law of the Lord.- Ps. 19:7.
- A soul that thirsts for the living God.- Ps. 42:2.
- A soul that finds rest and salvation in God- Ps. 62:1.
- A soul that loves the Lord its God with every fiber of its being- Matt. 22:37.

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- A soul, described as one having good soil, that hears the word, understands it and bears fruit- Matt. 13:23.
- A soul that has been purified through obedience to the truth and has sincere love for others - I Peter 1:22.
- A soul that is preserved through faith and does not fall away to destruction - Hebrews 10:39.
- A soul that trusts its Creator, follows His will, and does good despite having to suffer for it- I Peter 4:19.

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A soul that does not align with these teachings and concepts, although it may believe itself to be a member of the church, does not mean that it is a member of the church.