

The C&MA Story: Jesus Only

Denomination: A term used to identify **unique** and **autonomous** branches of the Christian church.

Why do we have denominations?

- 1) People **see** and **understand** things in the Bible differently.
- 2) There is a **comfort** in our spirit when engaging with others of **likeminded convictions**.

Where does the Christian and Missionary Alliance fit?

We are a "**big tent**" denomination.

Paul King *"We are an 'inclusive' movement that does not impose many doctrines, just the basic tenets of evangelical faith and our own emphases on healing, missions, the Second Coming and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit."*

A.B. Simpson didn't intend to **start** a denomination. The vision he had was to establish a **deeper life** movement that would take the **whole gospel** to the **whole world**.

⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority... Colossians 2:9-10

The C&MA is **Christ**-centered: based on **who Jesus is**.

Jesus is:

- 1) Our **Savior**
- 2) Our **Sanctifier**
- 3) Our **Healer**
- 4) Our **Coming King**



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Jesus only is our message,
Jesus all our theme shall be.
We will lift up Jesus ever,
Jesus only will we see.

Jesus only is our Savior,
All our guilt He bore away.
All our righteousness He gives us,
All our strength from day to day.

Jesus only is our Sanctifier,
Cleansing us from self and sin.
And with all His Spirit's fullness,
Filling all our hearts within.

Jesus only is our Healer,
All our sicknesses He bears
And His risen life and fullness,
All His members still may share.

Jesus only is our power,
He the gift of Pentecost.
Jesus, breathe Thy power upon us,
Fill us with the Holy Ghost.

And for Jesus we are waiting,
Listening for the Advent call;
But 'twill still be Jesus only,
Jesus ever, all in all.

Jesus only, Jesus ever,
Jesus all in all we sing;
Savior, Sanctifier and Healer,
Glorious Lord and Coming King.

—A. B. Simpson