

# How Different Churches Change Light Bulbs

**Q. How many Pentecostals does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Ten, one to change the bulb and nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.**

**Q. How many charismatics does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Only one, since their hands are already in the air.**

**Q. How many Calvinists does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. None. Calvinists do not change light bulbs. They simply read the instructions and pray the existing light bulb will be one that has been chosen to be changed.**

**Q. How many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Change?**

**Q. How many TV evangelists does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. One, but for the message of light to continue, you must send in your donation today.**

**Q. How many independent fundamentalists does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Only one, because any more might result in too much cooperation.**

**Q. How many liberals does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. At least ten, since they need to hold a debate on whether or not the light bulb exists. Even if they can agree the light bulb exists, they still might not change it, since this might alienate those who might use other forms of light.**

**Q. How many members of an established 20 year old Bible-teaching church does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. One actually to change the bulb and nine to say how much they feel the old one was better.**

**Q. How many Unitarians does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. This statement was issued: "We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a new light bulb. However if in your own journey you have found that a light bulb works for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your relationship with your light bulb (or light source or non-dark source) and present it next Sunday at Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life, and tinted - all of which are valid paths to luminescence."**

**Q. How many Amish does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Light bulb?**

**Q. How many worship leaders who use guitars does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. One, but soon all those around can warm up to its glowing.**

**Q. How many youth pastors does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Youth pastors aren't around long enough for a light bulb to burn out.**

**Q. How many Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. None. They always use candles.**

**Q. How many Southern Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. One hundred and nine: 7 on the Light Bulb Task Force Subcommittee who report to the 12 on the Light Bulb Task Force, appointed by the 15 on the Trustee Board. Their recommendation is reviewed by the Finance Executive Committee of 5, who place it on the agenda of the 18 member Finance Committee. If they approve, they bring a motion to the 27 member Church Board, who appoint another 12 member review committee. If they recommend that the Church Board proceed, a resolution is brought to the Congregational Business meeting. They appoint another 8 member review committee. If their report to the next Congregational Business meeting supports the changing of the light bulb, and the congregation votes in favor, the responsibility to carry out the changing of the light bulb is passed on to the Trustee Board, who in turn appoint a 7 member committee to find the best price in new light bulbs. Their recommendation of which hardware store has the best buy must then be reviewed by the 23 member Ethics Committee to make certain that this hardware store has no connection to Disneyland. They report back to the Trustee Board who then commissions the Trustee in charge of the janitor to ask him to make the change with a light bulb from the approved hardware store. By then the janitor discovers that one more light bulb has burned out.**

**Q. How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. None, because lights go on and off at predestined times. One to make the coffee, and 14 to form a committee and sub-committee to decide if the light bulb really needs to be changed and which bulb to use.**

**Q. How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Three, one to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks and one to speak on the subject: Why The Old Light Bulb Was Much Better Than The New One.**

**Q. How many Mormons does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Five. One to change the bulb and four wives to tell him how to do it and with which color of light bulb.**

**Q. How many Nazarenes does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Six. One woman to replace the bulb while five men review the church lighting policy.**

**many Q. How Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. None. Lutherans don't believe in change.**

**Q. How many United Methodists does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. Undetermined. Whether your light bulb is bright, dull or completely out, you are loved. You yourself can be a light bulb. Or a turnip bulb or a tulip bulb. We are holding a special Light Bulb Worship Service next Sunday, to which you are invited to bring a light bulb of your choice as well as a covered dish for the potluck dinner afterwards.**

**Q. How many neo-orthodox does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A. No one knows. They can't tell the difference between light and darkness.**

## **FIRE**

**RESPONSES:** A city-wide ecumenical Easter service was in progress in the river-front park when someone smelled smoke and yelled, "FIRE!" The response included the following:

--The Church of Christ group pushed everybody into the water.

--The Lutherans nailed a paper to a door declaring 95 ways in which fire was evil.

--The Episcopalians formed a liturgical procession and marched orderly behind an acolyte..

--The Unitarians concluded the fire had as much right to be there as anyone and announced that they would add its unique origins to their open celebration of life.

--The Christian Scientists elected a reader who gently persuaded them that there really was no fire.

--The Seventh-day Adventists said it was the vengeance of an angry God.

--The Jehovah's Witnesses wrote an article about it and divided into groups to visit all the other denominations and sell copies..

--The Presbyterians commissioned a new anthem based on the atonal modalities of the sirens.

--The Pentecostals sharply rebuked the fire in unknown tongues.

--The Catholics petitioned the Bishop for permission to leave before they had been blessed.

--The Mormans (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) promptly stated "As fire WAS, so Wood is; As fire IS, so wood shall become.

--The Christians (Disciples of Christ) asked their pastor to stay out of it and referred the fire to the next Board of Elders meeting for a response.

--The Methodists gathered in a corner to pray that the traditional profession of fire fighting could be peacefully blended with the contemporary nature of the flames.

--The Baptists attempted to appoint three committees and pass an offering plate, but soon quit speaking to each other after disagreeing about whether the word "fire" was a fundamental, moderate, or liberal concept.