

Hey Ben,

There's something in the air, can you feel it?

**It's the forthcoming birthday of Bitcoin Cash!** The entire Bitcoin.com team is celebrating, and we don't want to leave you out.

On this fantastic occasion, we're holding a giveaway where you can win some cool Bitcoin SWAG. But, let's talk about this later :)

It didn't take too long for the BTC network to become nearly useless.

It was so congested that at the end of last year, the average fee for a transaction was as high as \$55. **Do you want to pay \$65 for a \$10 breakfast?** We didn't think so...

Furthermore, as users were horrified by the extreme fees, many of them rejected to pay extra for their transactions. **This resulted in transactions taking several days to confirm.**

It had become clear that the August 1, 2017 Bitcoin Cash hard fork was inevitable as users revolted against this centrally planned and artificial fee market.

However, back then, there was a huge debate that had split the community. **The story leading to the fork did not start on August 1.**

Let's jump back in time to see what happened!

Before the fork, Bitcoin Core (BTC) developers failed to find a viable solution to upgrade the network, which was soon to become congested. As the number of BTC users increased exponentially, the community feared transactions would take longer to arrive and will become more expensive.

A small part of the community stuck with Bitcoin Core, in part due to censorship on these important topics hiding the truth from the community, while many others admitted to themselves that we needed a change. A major one.

**This resulted in us splitting from the BTC blockchain and creating Bitcoin Cash (BCH), the coin everyone sought and wanted.**

Oh, and what was the debate about?

It was about the two proposed solutions for the scaling issues of Bitcoin Core.

Bitcoin Cash developers went with the most practical and logical solution. Raising the block size limit, which was temporarily set to 1 MB in July 2010 by Bitcoin's creator, Satoshi Nakamoto.

**Eight years later what was once thought as a temporary limit was standing in the way of scaling exclusively by special interest groups.**

This block size limit capped the total transaction size to 1 MB for each block. If a transaction was over that limit, it was moved to the mempool, the "waiting line."

If many transactions are moved there, network congestion is imminent and transactions will take days to clear; this is certainly not something you want in a crypto-currency.

**Going against common sense, Bitcoin Core developers rejected to raise the limit.** A limit that is smaller than the size of a floppy disk (1.44 MB)!

Instead, they wanted to "solve" the scaling issue by moving transactions off-chain implementing another network, called the Lightning Network.

**There are two major issues with this "solution."**

First, Lightning Network is still in design/testing phases, and it's going to take a long time to implement as promised on BTC as a fully decentralized and functional network.

Just food for thought: Lightning Network started in 2015 and has been stated since then it would be launching ready for the mainstream in just 18 months, yet here we are three years later and it's still in its infancy.

**Second, as transactions are stored off-chain, this service will be conducted by third parties who are risks to the decentralized nature of the coin.** Is this what Satoshi had envisioned when he created Bitcoin?

Of course not. He created a peer-to-peer electronic payment system, not a network where third parties play a key part in processing transactions.

We can clearly see now after almost one year of its creation: **Bitcoin Cash follows Satoshi's vision while BTC has failed its creator.**

On August 1, 2017, Bitcoin Cash devs raised the block size limit to 8 MB (and to 32 MB earlier this year), which allows for a healthy network and cryptocurrency.

**In the history of BCH, there were no high fees,** network congestion, or irrationally expensive transactions. The same can't be said about Bitcoin Core.

Bitcoin Cash's highest average fee didn't even reach \$1. And yes, we are talking about the same time interval when BTC's network was critically congested: the end of last year!

**As of July 2018, the average transaction fee in the BCH ecosystem is about \$0.04.**

Furthermore, your transactions are nearly instant and it only takes a few minutes for them to confirm.

We think anyone can see that Bitcoin Cash is the Bitcoin Satoshi has envisioned. It is decentralized with a healthy network and multiple hard-working dev teams all over the world.

These are the features you need to skyrocket the adoption of cryptos!

**Your birthday is almost here, Bitcoin Cash!** We wish you great years ahead leading cryptocurrency adoption to the moon :)

Celebrate with us by participating in Bitcoin.com's giveaway!



If you are looking to get some cool BCH SWAG, this is your chance: **we are giving away one T-shirt every day for 30 days.**

To participate, [you only need to subscribe to our YouTube channel.](#)

Be sure to set your subscription to visible to the public as that's the only way we can see the participants of the giveaway!

[Check our Twitter](#), as the winners are announced every day there!

The giveaway has already started. Don't miss this great chance to get free BCH SWAG!

Participate Now

Good luck,  
The Bitcoin.com Team