

UNITY

JOHN 17:20,21

ONLY LET YOUR CONDUCT BE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, SO THAT WHETHER I COME AND SEE YOU OR AM ABSENT, I MAY HEAR OF YOUR AFFAIRS, THAT YOU STAND FAST IN **ONE SPIRIT**, WITH **ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER** FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL,...

- PHILIPPIANS 1:27

STANDING FIRM IN ONE SPIRIT...ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER...IN **UNITY**

THEREFORE IF THERE IS ANY CONSOLATION IN CHRIST, IF ANY COMFORT OF LOVE, IF ANY FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT, IF ANY AFFECTION AND MERCY, FULFILL MY JOY **BY BEING LIKE-MINDED**, HAVING THE **SAME LOVE, BEING OF ONE ACCORD, OF ONE MIND**. LET NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN LOWLINESS OF MIND LET EACH ESTEEM OTHERS BETTER THAN HIMSELF. LET EACH OF YOU LOOK OUT NOT ONLY FOR HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO FOR THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.

- PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

BEING LIKE-MINDED...SAME LOVE...BEING OF ONE ACCORD...

NOW I PLEAD WITH YOU, BRETHREN, BY THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT YOU ALL **SPEAK THE SAME THING**, AND THAT THERE BE **NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU**, BUT THAT YOU BE PERFECTLY JOINED TOGETHER **IN THE SAME MIND AND IN THE SAME JUDGMENT**.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

...SPEAKING THE SAME...NO DIVISIONS...SAME MIND...SAME JUDGMENT...

AND HE HIMSELF GAVE SOME TO BE APOSTLES, SOME PROPHETS, SOME EVANGELISTS, AND SOME PASTORS AND TEACHERS, FOR THE EQUIPPING OF THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, TILL WE ALL COME TO THE **UNITY** OF THE FAITH AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, TO A PERFECT MAN, TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST;

- EPHESIANS 4:11-13

...**UNITY**...

BUT ABOVE ALL THESE THINGS PUT ON LOVE,
WHICH IS **THE BOND OF PERFECTION**

- COLOSSIANS 3:14

“...THE BOND OF PERFECTION...” = **UNITY**

THEREFORE WE WERE BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH BAPTISM INTO DEATH, THAT JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. FOR IF WE HAVE BEEN **UNITED** TOGETHER IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH, CERTAINLY WE ALSO SHALL BE IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION

- ROMANS 6:4,5

WE MUST BE **UNITED**

I DO NOT PRAY FOR THESE ALONE, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR WORD; THAT THEY ALL MAY BE **ONE**, AS YOU, FATHER, ARE IN ME, AND I IN YOU; THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE **ONE** IN US, THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU SENT ME. AND THE GLORY WHICH YOU GAVE ME I HAVE GIVEN THEM, THAT THEY MAY BE **ONE** JUST AS WE ARE **ONE**: I IN THEM, AND YOU IN ME; THAT THEY MAY BE MADE PERFECT IN **ONE**, AND THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME, AND HAVE LOVED THEM AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME.

- JOHN 17:20-21

CHRIST PRAYED FOR **UNITY**

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JOHN 17:20-23

1. VERSE 20, THE PRAYER WASN'T JUST FOR THE APOSTLES, BUT FOR ALL "...WHO BELIEVE ON ME"
2. VERSE 21, "THAT THEY ALL MAY BE **ONE**, AS YOU, FATHER, ARE IN ME, AND I IN YOU; THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE **ONE** IN US..."
3. VERSE 23, "...THAT THEY MAY BE MADE PERFECT IN **ONE**, AND THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME,"
4. RELIGIOUS DIVISION AND DENOMINATIONALISM IS NOT UNITY.
5. CHRISTIANS, **THOSE WHO BELONG TO THE CHURCH THAT CHRIST ESTABLISHED**, SHOULD PROMOTE **UNITY**.

of doctrine at all; it's simple matters. Opinions that don't really mean one thing or the other; and those are the things we need to strive to maintain. But how do we maintain unity in the church? Well, when it comes to unity in the Lord's church, as I said, it takes **effort and commitment from every**

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BEING OF **ONE ACCORD**, OF **ONE MIND**.

- PHILIPPIANS 2:1,2

THE MOTIVATION FOR **UNITY**

LET NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH **SELFISH AMBITION**
OR CONCEIT, BUT IN LOWLINESS OF MIND LET EACH
ESTEEM OTHERS BETTER THAN HIMSELF.

- PHILIPPIANS 2:3

HOW TO ACHIEVE **UNITY**

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BEING LIKE-MINDED...SAME LOVE...BEING OF ONE ACCORD...

CHRIST'S CHURCH CANNOT SPEAK THE SAME THING NOR BE OF THE SAME MIND WITH:

- THE ATHEIST (LUKE 12:8,9)
- THE VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS THAT EXIST IN THE WORLD TODAY

EPHESIANS 4:4-6, " THERE IS **ONE** BODY AND **ONE** SPIRIT, JUST AS YOU WERE CALLED IN **ONE** HOPE OF YOUR CALLING; **ONE** LORD, **ONE** FAITH, **ONE** BAPTISM; **ONE** GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS ABOVE ALL, AND THROUGH ALL, AND IN YOU ALL."

CHRIST IS NOT DIVIDED

"WEARING" OTHER NAMES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SERVE CHRIST DISHONORS HIM

IS CHRIST DIVIDED? WAS PAUL CRUCIFIED FOR YOU? OR WERE YOU BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF PAUL? I THANK GOD THAT I BAPTIZED NONE OF YOU EXCEPT CRISPUS AND GAIUS, LEST ANYONE SHOULD SAY THAT I HAD BAPTIZED IN MY OWN NAME. YES, I ALSO BAPTIZED THE HOUSEHOLD OF STEPHANAS. BESIDES, I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER I BAPTIZED ANY OTHER. FOR CHRIST DID NOT SEND ME TO BAPTIZE, BUT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL, NOT WITH WISDOM OF WORDS, LEST THE CROSS OF CHRIST SHOULD BE MADE OF NO EFFECT.

- 1 COR. 1:13-17

UNITY VS DIVISION

MATTHEW 10:34-39

“DO NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO BRING PEACE ON EARTH. **I DID NOT COME TO BRING PEACE** BUT A SWORD. FOR I HAVE COME TO ‘SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW’; AND ‘A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THOSE OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD.’ **HE WHO LOVES FATHER OR MOTHER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. AND HE WHO LOVES SON OR DAUGHTER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. AND HE WHO DOES NOT TAKE HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW AFTER ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME.** HE WHO FINDS HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, AND HE WHO LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND IT.

PEACE OR UNITY CANNOT COME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TRUTH

AND I, BRETHREN, COULD NOT SPEAK TO YOU AS TO SPIRITUAL PEOPLE BUT AS TO **CARNAL**, AS TO BABES IN CHRIST. I FED YOU WITH MILK AND NOT WITH SOLID FOOD; FOR UNTIL NOW YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE IT, AND EVEN NOW YOU ARE STILL NOT ABLE; FOR YOU ARE STILL **CARNAL**. FOR WHERE THERE ARE ENVY, STRIFE, AND **DIVISIONS AMONG YOU**, ARE YOU NOT **CARNAL** AND BEHAVING LIKE MERE MEN?

- 1 COR. 3:1-3

DIVISION IS CANAL

DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD
AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU? IF
ANYONE DEFILES THE TEMPLE OF GOD, GOD WILL DESTROY
HIM. FOR THE TEMPLE OF GOD IS HOLY, WHICH TEMPLE YOU
ARE.

- 1 COR. 3:16,17

DIVISION IS DESTROYS THE TEMPLE

CHRISTIANS, IN TRUTH, MUST BE OF ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER

UNITY THROUGH HUMILITY

THOSE WHO PROMOTE OR PRACTICE DENOMINATIONALISM ARE ACTIVELY PREVENTING THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.

DIVISION IS STILL WRONG AND DISHONORS CHRIST; IT IS DESTRUCTIVE TO THE CHURCH AND TO THE SOULS OF MEN.

UNITY MUST BECOME THE PRAYER AND EFFORT OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS STRIVING TO PLEASE GOD.

CONCLUSION