



Series: Pray

Sermon: Part 1: Unity In A World Of Division

Date: Sunday, April 7th, 2024

We make assumptions of people and easily put them in stereotypical categories when they hold certain views without even knowing who they are.

Jesus knew that the solution to the division in the world would be the _____.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

How we really love others is _____ of how we really love God.

Jesus Prays For Unity:

1. Jesus prays concerning _____

Scripture referenced in sermon message: John 17:1,5

“...the Lamb Who was slain from the creation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8)

2. Jesus prays for His _____

Scripture referenced in sermon message: John 17:6-19

_____ : “to be set apart for God’s special pleasure and use, it implies holiness”

3. Jesus prays for all _____

Scripture referenced in sermon message: John 17:20-21

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’” (Revelation 7:9-10)

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, Who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in His flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to



create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.” (Ephesians 2:13-16)

When people see this unity, they can only attribute that oneness to God and His perfect love in the lives of these believers.

“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3)

Whenever we succumb to our pride and sin, we block what God is trying to do in order to unite us with others.

4 Qualities That Keep The Unity of The Spirit and The Bond of Peace

- a. Humility**
- b. Gentleness**
- c. Patience**
- d. Love**

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Colossians 3:12-15, John 17:21-26, Luke 6:32-33

It is possible for people who are different to come together to love and serve each other, while changing the world together.

Bottom Line: How much we love God will be demonstrated by how much we love each other.

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. What makes it difficult for you to relate with and love those who are different from you in their views, ideology, culture, or even the way that they do things?*
- 2. Why does unity have to begin with us, meaning the church? How can you contribute to this unity?*
- 3. Jesus’ promise is that if we are united with Him and each other as a body, the world will change. How have you seen that happen in your life?*

Songs used in service: This Is Our God (Phil Wickham), Amazing Grace (John Newton), Do It Again (Elevation Worship), Run To The Father (Cody Carnes)

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?