

August 22nd

John 17:20-23, Galatians 3:26-29

Title: Diverse Community of Faith

Introduction: Amazingly, Jesus prays for just one thing for those who come to believe in Him. That one that Jesus prays for is unity. Jesus wants us to become mature in our faith, and completely united with each other and the Father God.

Hopefully, this message will give you Biblical and practical ways of unity restoration.

From the Scriptures for today, the following are things that are important to Jesus and should be important to us:

I. Unity of His Followers. (John 17:20-21)

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

Why is unity so important? Two reasons.

1st is so that the world would know God’s love for them and for all people.

2nd is so that they may come to believe, that our oneness of mind, love and spirit might be the most powerful witness we could ever share with the world.

II. Believing in the truth (Galatians 3:26-28)

“For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Apostle Peter is one the Jewish people who experienced revolution. Peter had always thought God was an exclusive God, for the Jewish people only and that Gentiles were second-class who didn’t deserve God’s attention like the Jews did.

Apostle Peter said, ““You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean.” Acts 10:28

Conclusion: Galatians 5:15. “If you bite and devour each other, watch out, or you will be destroyed by each other.”