



TWCC Sermon Connection and Notes - "Love and Unity = Power, Pleasure and Peace"

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There is a _____ to Preventing Faith and Family Fractures, Fractions, Frictions and Failures. That is _____ is _____ and _____. LOVE and UNITY is the _____ to experiencing: (1) _____, (2) **PLEASURE**, (3) _____, (4) _____ and (5) _____ with our faith, within our family and our Church family.

- The _____ is what bring this POWER, PLEASURE (JOY), PEACE, PROSPERITY and PRODUCTIVITY.
- The _____ makes faith, family and ministry _____. Without the _____ our Church becomes a _____ Church and our families and our faith become _____. And without the _____ things *functioning* of our *faith*, the *functionality* of our *family* and Church *family* become - harsh, hard, hinders, halted, hurtful and harmful - horrific!

LOVE AND UNITY - BIG KEYS FOR OUR FAITH AND OUR FAMILY

1 Corinthians 11:23 (NKJV) - *"²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged."*

- **THE _____ OF THE LORD SUPPER OR HOLY _____ IS TO SHOW FOR AND HONOR THE LORD'S DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION WE HAVE IN _____ AND IN _____ WITH HIM AND IN _____ WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LORD!**
- We _____ the Body of Christ (both literally and spiritually) and we _____ and _____ the _____ of Christ. We tend to dishonor and devalue the _____ of Jesus when we are not quick to repent, or quick to forgive others and negligent in _____ and compassionately _____ for others.
- We can partake of the Bread and Cup in an **unworthy manner** by not properly and purposefully _____ the Lord's Body (literally and spiritually). In other words, to come to the Communion Table in an _____ manner means to come in a **SPIRIT** of _____ or _____.
 - **UNWORTHY** = irreverently; unworthy; unfit.
 - We are to _____ or _____ ourselves to ensure we are both: (1) in the _____ and (2) in _____ to partake of Communion in a worthy manner.

- By _____ and _____ ourselves we distinguish and determine what must be separated from us in order to not disqualify us from partaking of Communion in an unworthy manner.
- **1 Corinthians 11:30 (NKJV)** - "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep."
 - (1) SPIRITUAL, MENTAL EMOTIONAL or PHYSICAL _____, (2) _____ and (3) SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL _____ or PRE-MATURE _____ are caused by partaking of Communion in a spirit of Disunity or Division.
 - We must _____ ourselves and _____ ourselves!
- **Seven Ways to Partake of Communion in an Unworthy Manner:** (1) By taking of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) in _____ and _____ (**1 Corinthians 11:18 (NKJV)** - "18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are **divisions** among you, and in part I believe it. 19 For there must also be **factions among you**, that those who are approved may be recognized among you."). [**Factions** = contentious parties or groups (e.g. within a government); these parties or groups are marked by dissension]. **Proverbs 10:12 (NLT)** - "Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses." _____ or the void and absence of active _____ stirs up quarrels and strife. **Proverbs 13:10 (NLT)** - "Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise." Selfish and sinful _____ causes squabbling and strife. _____ separates us from _____ and _____ in unity in one accord. Lastly, unresolved or unrighteous _____ and _____ causes strife and contention. **Proverbs 29:22 (NKJV)** - "An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression." **Proverbs 15:18 (NLT)** - "A hot-tempered person starts fights; a cool-tempered person stops them." We said before that _____ or _____ anger will **metastasize** and make you either _____ or _____. Do not let the sun go down on your anger and wrath! **Ephesians 4:26 - 27 (NLT)** - "And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil." (2) By taking it to commemorate a mere historical fact - religious tradition and something routine and mundane - you devalue, dishonor, and disrespect the Body and Blood of the Lord. (3) By taking it in irreverence to God and His Church. (4) By taking it in disrespect and disregard to the poor and needy - being aware and active in supporting those in need in your Church family. (5) By taking it in unbelief nor realizing its true significance, and not discerning the Lord's body and blood to receive the benefits by faith. (6) Taking it as an unsaved person or in a backslidden condition or with spiritually rebellious heart. (7) By failing to _____ yourself and _____ your faith and fitness to partake of Communion in a worthy manner and be willing and obedient to repent, restore or reconcile as needed or directed.

WE ARE TO FOCUS AND IDENTIFY WITH CHRIST, NOT JUST COLOR OR CULTURE DURING COMMUNION

Read Colossians 3:7 - 11 (NLT)

PUTTING THE SNAKE IN THE GRASS TO FLIGHT

James 3:16 (KJV) - "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

- **(NKJV)** - "For where envy and **self-seeking** exist, confusion and every evil thing are there."
- **(NLT)** - "For wherever there is jealousy and **selfish ambition**, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind."
 - **STRIFE** = is simply selfish ambition, self-seeking - being and acting self-serving.
 - **ENVY** = the vindictive kind of jealousy, malice, punitive zeal and vengeance.
- We saw the move of God and power of God squandered and stopped because the Early Church got into STRIFE. **Acts 6:1 (NLT)** - "But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were **rumblings of discontent**. The Greek-speaking believers **complained** about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being **discriminated against** in the daily distribution of food."
- What happened in **Acts 6 - 8** - the Church was _____ and _____.
- **Strife stops THE _____ of God and activates the curse- not only in our lives as individuals, but in entire churches, cities and nations. Strife, Disunity and Division stops the _____ of God.**
- We're seeing unfold before our eyes the very things He warned His disciples about in **Matthew 24**, when they asked Him about the signs of the end of the age. **Matthew 24:4 - 7 (KJV)** - "Take heed that no man deceive you," He said. "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to

pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places”.

- Notice, Jesus said in the last days **nation** will rise against **nation**. The Greek word translated **nation** is **ethnos**. It's a word that refers to ethnicities or races, groups of people who share the same skin color, nationality or way of thinking.
- **The Scriptures don't use it because from God's perspective, racism isn't a _____, it's a _____.** It's the SPIRIT OF _____, the Greek word **dichostasia** indicates its work is "dissension, division and sedition." (**Sedition = incitement of resistance to or insurrection against lawful authority**). It's a work of the devil himself and the demonic emissaries he sends out to do his divisionary work. By contrast, God's work is peace, unity, harmony and joy (**John 14:27; Romans 14:17**).
- Worst of all, the **SPIRIT OF DIVISION** is targeting believers. It's trying to split up churches and separate members of the Body of Christ, knowing, even if we sometimes forget, that the saying, United we stand, divided we fall, is not just an old adage—it's spiritual law. As Jesus put it, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand" (**Matthew 12:25**). Therefore, whatever the devil can _____, he can _____.

LOVE AND UNITY DEFEATS THE DEVIL OF DISUNITY AND DIVISION

- In **Division and Strife**, we _____ and _____ and _____ and even _____ diversity and differences of people in a spirit of _____. A spirit of _____ and _____.
 - There are Three _____ of unity we must achieved in Christ and as a Church and as families:
 - **Read Psalms 133 (NKJV)**
 - **UNITY #1:** _____ UNITY. It produces _____ and _____ (**JOY**).
 - **Read Ephesians 4:1 - 6 (NKJV)**
 - **UNITY #2:** UNITY OF THE _____. It produces _____. When **HONOR** and **ESTEEM** leaves **PEACE** leaves our hearts, our relationships and our homes! *The anointing dries up and things get blocked up and stopped up in our lives, our families and our Church.*
 - _____ Unity is bounded and bonded together by the _____ it produces!
 - **Read Ephesians 4:11 - 16 (KJV) -**
 - **UNITY #3:** UNITY OF THE _____ AND OF THE _____ OF THE SON OF GOD.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- **The 5 Attacks we have Faced:** (1) The Attack against the Church (2) The Attack against the Integrity of Ministry (3) The Attack on Faith (4) The Attack on the Lost and (5) The Attack on our Love and Unity

WILL YOU SUFFER WITH ME?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:18 - 26 (NKJV)

- These verses of Scripture eloquently describe the SPIRITUAL _____ LANGUAGE we shall all have.
- In the area of _____ is said that 55% of what is communicated is in our BODY LANGUAGE.
- In the context of _____ and _____ as these Scriptures are communicating, it is showing us what BODY _____ we should have. In other words, the way we _____ and how we _____ other _____ parts either hurts or heals; helps or hinders the _____.
- Verses 25 and 26 unveil and uncover huge keys to preventing **FRACTURES**, **FACTIONS**, **FRICTIONS** and **FAILURES** in the BODY. Where we are **powerless**, **unpleasant** and **unpeaceful** as families or a Church.
 - _____ (Love) and _____
 - _____ in _____, and in _____!
 - We are _____ in _____ (which is **empathy** and **engagement** together in enduring hardships and pains others are going through). I'm not talking about suffering as an evil doer; but legitimate suffering as a Christian believer and Christ-follower no matter what COLOR, CULTURE, CATEGORY or COUNTRY you are in.
- **What is the _____?** (1) **1 Corinthians 12:25 (NKJV)** - "That there should be **no schism** in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another." In other words, NO _____ **and** _____ in the Body. (2) All the members show the SAME _____ (LOVE) for one another. One sign of _____ is when all members equally care out for one another. We can't just _____ love for each other; we have to _____ and _____ love to and for each other.
 - The _____ of our **GIFTS** are to be used to _____ UNITY and the DIVERSITY of the **MEMBERS** of BODY are to faithfully _____ LOVE and CARE for one another.

- What do we _____ to help in achieving this _____ of _____ and _____? **1 Corinthians 12:26 (NKJV)** - "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."
- Really, the choice is to either _____ or _____. The _____ of _____ (self-seeking, selfish ambition), _____ or _____. **Remember, whatever the devil can DIVIDE, he can DESTROY.**
- **James 2:8 - 9 (NLT)** - "8 Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 9 But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law."
- **The Bigger Things We Need:** (1) To PRAY Bigger, (2) To SERVE Bigger, (3) To GIVE Bigger, (4) To ATTEND Bigger, (5) To LIVE Bigger, (6) To SHARE Bigger (7) To REPENT and RECONCILE Bigger

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