

UNITY – The Book of EPHESIANS

UNITED is ALWAYS STRONGER

UNITED WITH GOD: THE STRONGST BOND= SUCCESS = ETERNAL VICTORY

DIVISION vs. DISSENSION

Divisions can be good when untied in a single, good purpose.

Dissension is strife and ill, very little success.

I. UNITY STARTS WITH GOD!

MATTHEW 28:19 NIV ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

II. UNITY INSIDE EACH PERSON!

ROMANS 10:9 NIV If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

II TIMOTHY 1:7 KJV For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NIV I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 NIV And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

III. WHEN WE WERE SEPARATED FROM JESUS!

EPHESIANS 2:1-2 NIV As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

WHO? EPHESIANS 2:3 NIV All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh ...

IV. GOD UNITED US TO HIM?

EPHESIANS 2:4-10 & 13 NIV ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions— ... ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ...⁸ **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—** ⁹ **not by works, so that no one can boast.**

¹³ **But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (JOHN 10:10)**

V. UNITY IN HIS BODY ,THE CHURCH!

DEUTERONOMY 6:4 NIV ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^l

EPHESIANS 4:4-6 NIV ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

VI. HOW WE ARE TO LIVE IN UNITY IN HIS BODY, THE CHURCH!

EPHESIANS 4:1b-3 NIV I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ **Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**

VII. OUR REWARD IN THE UNITY OF CHRIST JESUS

ROMANS 8:28 NASB And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who God, to those who are called according to his purpose.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19 NIV ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches **1) he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,** ¹⁷ so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. 2) that you, being rooted and established in love,** ¹⁸ **may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,** **3) ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 NIV ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! **Amen.**

- 1. Communion**
- 2. Freezer Ministry**
- 3. Census**
- 4. Tithes and Offerings**
- 5. Kurt Brouwer: Tutorial**
- 6. Women**
- 7. Elders Back on Thursday**
- 8. Women's Bible Study, Friday 5:30pm on Zoom – to join, email: office@manachristianohana.org**