

Faith Life Voice

Kingdom of God & the Kingdom of Men Series



Creating Unity

“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; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:13-16 NKJV

So that none of you think that these posts are meaningless i plan on giving the basic conclusion right in the beginning so you understand where each of these are headed. Such as the verses above. These verses show that not only are we to create unity but also how to create unity. The opposite of unity is strife, disunity, pride, selfish ambition, wars, divorce, hatred, and the like. So I guess if you like those things than you can ignore this. LOL Outside of these things there is absolutely no way to create unity. So the opposite will be the result. There is no way around this.

I talked to a few people about their spiritual gifts. The answers I got were shocking, they had no idea what their gift was. The verses that I quoted above are speaking about spiritual gifts. This is the pill that Paul tells us to take to create unity and prevent deception and all other kinds of malice in the church. Those verses are specifically speaking about the reason for and the end result of spiritual gifts.

The world has no idea how to create unity, love, and a respect that lasts. The world cannot even agree on a standard of morality much less any other lasting unity. Our relationships suffer because we refuse to accept God's design for creating a real unity. It is true a false unity is also dangerous, but I'm speaking about a real unity. A unity where people can be free to be who God desires them to be.

Paul uses the example of a body. The foot is not the eye, yet both are needed for their specific function or the other can be greatly broken. This is very important! My wife and I are not the same. In fact, I would say we are opposite on just about everything. This is why we work well together. We began having problems when we didn't understand the principles taught here about gifts and who we are.

The same is true for our city, state, or even our country. There will never be unity without losing our own identity unless that unity comes from this specific direction of the Bible. We might create a fake temporal unity but never a real unity. It is here that identity is established in a way that no sinner, whether that sinner be a pastor, reverend, priest, bishop, pope, or any other sinner can change it.

Education

“You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, Even from the rebellious, That the LORD God might dwell there.” Psalm 68:18 NKJV

“For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Acts 1:5 NKJV

The spiritual gifts are very different than mere talents. Spiritual gifts come from above, from God. We can certainly educate people in different areas but since the gifts come from God the natural growth of these gifts will only come from a steady relationship with God. These include fellowship, praying, consistent Bible reading, breaking bread, and loving others. These things will help us grow our gifts.

These are objective truths not subjective. I heard and encourage all of you to listen to this fundamental principle. Here is the link: <https://coldcasechristianity.com/podcasts/podcasts-about-truth/can-you-pass-the-objective-subjective-truth-test-podcast/>

Rene' Descartes separated and even made reasoning superior to that of the Bible. This greatly changed the way we educate and even see truth. He made truth a bit more subjective rather than objective.

The Bible is objective truth not subjective truths. So there is no other way to create an atmosphere of love and unity except here.

Education has in a sense created this atmosphere of disunity because of men like Descartes and others. If we think that mere IQ fixes our problems then we have already fell for this lie. I'm not against education, I just think that unity is created from above. Our gifts also grow from above. Our gifts are part of who we are and what we are chosen or called to do.

As we read the Bible, pray and stay in fellowship with other believers we grow our spiritual gifts and the body of Christ grows and is strengthened. What we read in the Bible and how we see the Bible will be determined by who we are (gifts) and the direction the Spirit leads. This grows our gifts. This is not always man led. Although I use the gifts of others, like how I quoted J. Warner Wallace above, I try not to abuse their gifts. This is a proper functioning of the body of Christ.

If President Donald Trump is a believer in Christ then his gifts are clearly evident. He has a gift of leadership and administration. This could also be said of Elon Musk as well, if he is a Christian. Now you can see the great effect spiritual gifts can have on even a nation. But be warned spiritual gifts and natural talent are not the same and don't have the same end result.

You should start to see these gifts create a very real and natural life as God intended. Most of all these gifts will point us to Christ and how we relate to Him. There are many gifts and we will discuss most if not all the spiritual gifts as we go through the book of Acts.

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The End

"Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away." 1 Corinthians 13:8 NKJV

True love creates a bond internally that cares about truth and identity as God gives. Eventually the spiritual gifts will not be needed because we will have the Holy Spirit in us and Christ in front of us.

What we have in front of us now is each other. Yes, we have the Holy Spirit in us right now but we do not have Christ in front of us. Eventually when he returns there will be no need of gifts but this is all we have to create unity and remove malpractice from us.

Luke 19:13: "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'" NKJV

This is how we "do" business till He returns. When we apply our spiritual gifts in the real world we are essentially functioning as we should. But the key to this is that all who are true believers in Christ are functioning properly.

I know for certain that this is not happening today because most Christians I talk to have no clue who they really are in Christ and what that means as far as their gifts. My goal is that you find your voice amongst millions voices.

The next post will be on the gift of Apostleship. I will try to post more than one a week but they should be here on Sundays.