

## STUDY #13: EPHESIANS 4:1-6 "THE POWER OF ONE"

### THERE IS BEAUTY IN DIVERSITY AND POWER IN UNITY.

Not easy princ – diversity often leads division – CHURCH division leads weakness. VV

- THE MYSTERY – not more diverse JEW AND GENTILE – IN ALL ASPECTS
- PROBLEM EARLY CHURCH clicks and groups. PAUL CALLED OUT PETER

P WORK HARD UNITE - not Feasts - Sabbaths. Lineage - birthright. Ethnicity - Wordly interests. Preferences - Politics (not saying those things are bad – DON'T ID / PULL)

IN LIGHT OF EVERYTHING: Worthy of the calling – this starts the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the book

- With the Praise comes the Practice...Exaltation of all God done>ETHIC 2X

Of all things, he starts with the ethic of Christian relationships.

- BC MYSTERY ONLY AMAZING IF IT BRINGS GLORY TO GOD. UNITY Br Gd GL

UNITY NOT UNIFORMITY: Doesn't mean don't disagree. Wrestle with truths. Confront SIN. BEAUTY IN OUR DIVERSITY – IN OUR DIVERSITY STILL FAMILY

MP: When God's gospel power pulls us toward Himself, His power pulls us toward each other. When we are pulled toward each other, we operate in God's power.

### THE ONE

VIDEO ONE ATTRACTIVE MAGNETIC AND UNIFYING FORCE – SAVED - ONE PULLED TO THE ONE, light, GOD'S GPOWER CONSTANTLY PULLING US IN – if it wasn't for him we wouldn't be united – COMMON – not preferences, TO E/O

One Body – HIS BODY – not we are the body of ALV – A BODY PART OF THE BODY

One Spirit – HIS SPIRIT

One Hope – SAME PLACE YA'ALL – same eternal destination – He has invited US TO HVN

- God I don't like my neighbors... Our future with God together (not alone)

One Lord – HE IS LORD – serve the Same Master – we r all servants billionare 2pennies

The privilege in God's kingdom is that we are all servants of the King.

One Faith – FAITH IN HIM – COME TO HIM THE SAME WAY

One Baptism –

- Church: We are all immersed into the church by God's Sprit
- Water: We all identity our selves as Christ followers by the same sacrament.

One God Father of all (over though in all) – ONE FATHER – SAME FAMILY – ALL HIM ANCHORED - Much more that unites us than divides us. U GOT ALL U NEED

### LIVE LIKE YOU'VE BEEN SAVED BY GOD

HUMBLE/GENTLE: SOCIETY IS SO LOST TO SELF

Pride self-promotion, pushing agenda, exalting opinions, manipulating, degrading, disregarding indifferent, bully, SELF-ABSORBED SOCIETY headed wrong direction.

- Society can't teach you about humility and gentleness – BUT JESUS CAN

Don't look out for your own interests. Forget about you. Everything is not about you  
You need to have the same attitude as Jesus. Your attitude will determine your spiritual altitude.

- Attitude be one of servitude. Die to ur own ego, needs, significance – **UP DWN**

We don't want to give up for people we want to get from people.

God - kneeled made mud heal the blind, multiplied loaves and fish feed multutde, left heaven to be born dirty smelly **HE DIED FOR US**

You can't have unity without humility. If u want unity in your house have2have humility

**PATIENT:** IMPATIENT SOCIETY. Live in constant frustration.

Society flies light speed: ALL YOU WANT IS AT UR FTIPS – How you want it..ppl don't wk

- **Then people...** easily IMPATIENT – strong, healthy, flourishing, LASTING

You don't need more power; you need more patience. Patience will do what power cannot do. You don't need control, to be in charge, or to dictate the terms because God works as you pray.

- Patient spouse. children. friends. enemies.

Jesus has perfect patience with the worst of sinners.

1 Thessalonians 5:13 Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

**BEARING W/ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE:** **LOVE WHEN IT HURTS TO LOVE**

- Love is a choice.

Love is not a disposition of the soul which can be perfect in itself, without being given and shaped in ever new concrete encounters. It is always specific, always costly, always a miraculous event. **LOVE TAKES PEOPLE AND PEOPLE AREN'T EASY**

- Jesus loved when it wasn't easy -

**EAGER MAINTAIN UNITY OF SPIRIT BOND OF PEACE**

Christians don't make unity; we maintain unity.

- **ATTITUDE** "I am so excited about being a promoter unity."

**The power is in agreement.**

Matthew 18:19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."