

“Strength in Unity” – Dr. Mike Harrison June 28, 2020

Hebrews 10:19-25 NLT *“...we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus...And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house LET US...*

- **“Let us** go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him [He has cleared our conscience]
- **“Let us** hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise
- **“Let us** think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works
- **“Let us not** neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near”

We need Christ BUT did you know you need His people – The Church – too? Why do you need the Church?

Answer this question: is there any part of your body that you are willing to give up right now?

1 Cor. 12:12 TLB *“Our bodies have many parts, but the many parts make up only one body when they are all put together. So it is with the ‘body’ of Christ.”*

Ephesians 4:3 NIRV *“The Holy Spirit makes you one in every way. So try your best to remain as one. Let peace keep you together.”* **NLT:** *“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”*

Ephesians 4:15-16 NLT *“...growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”*

Why is UNITY important?

Unity is important because...

1. Disharmony, envy & strife cause confusion and open the door to every evil work (James 3:14-16)
2. To walk in disunity divides Christ (we are His Body)
3. When people who gather in unity, even for the wrong purposes, anything is possible: **Genesis 11:6 NKJV** *“the Lord said, ‘Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose [KJV “imagined”] to do will be withheld from them.’”*
4. Unity opens our lives to the blessings of God:

Psalm 133:1-3 KJ21 *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard that went down to the skirts of his garments. It is as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore”*

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Re-read Hebrews 10:19-25 and answer how has the Blood of Christ (hint: “Let us”)....
 - a. ...Affected how you now relate to God – what does that look like in your life?
 - b. ...Clarified how you are supposed to now relate to the members of Christ Body?
2. In what ways is the Church Body like a human body? What is the significance of understanding the Church as ONE BODY.
3. List at least three reasons why UNITY is important. Now share with the group ways in which you will make sure you do your part to maintain unity.
4. Share with the group WHAT a blessing it is to you to be in unity with your group.