

Lakeview Christian Center  
Sunday Celebration  
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**God's Joyful, Eternal and Irreversible  
Resolution**

***God resolved before the foundation of the world to redeem a people whom He created to be redeemed to Himself that one day and forever His eternal and perfect plan would reach its fulfillment. Until then, the completed work of the cross is still in process in our sanctification and our relationships with His church to which we belong and with the world from which we have been separated.***

**John 17:3; 21-23** *“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.<sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”*

**John 17:16-17** *“They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth, your Word is truth.”*

**RESOLVED TO BELIEVE THAT GOD'S WORD IS A BIG DEAL!**

❖ **WHY You May Ask?**

**Hebrews 4:12** *“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”*

 **Joshua 1:8**

**Psalm 119:9**

**19:7-14**



**Psalm**

**John 11:26b** *...Do You Believe This?*

**RESOLUTION POWER PRAYER POINT: Pray  
Psalm 119:9-11, 18**

***RESOLVED TO BELIEVE WE ARE SIGNED,  
SEALED, AND DELIVERED... WE'RE HIS! WON  
AND DONE!***

❖ **From the Garden of Death and Division to  
the Garden of Life and Unity**

**Genesis 2:17** *“but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”*

**1 Corinthians 5:22** *“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”*

**Ephesians 2:4-6** *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”*

**Colossians 1:13-14** *“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

**2 Timothy 2:13** *“if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.”*

**RESOLUTION POWER PRAYER POINT: Pray  
Romans 8:37-39**

***RESOLVED TO BELIEVE WE ARE ONE WITH THE  
FATHER AND THE SON***

How many times in the NT are we declared to be in Christ, In Jesus, In Him, Through Him and other derivations of the same meaning and position? \_\_\_\_\_.

❖ **A “One with God” Sampler:**

Justified, Sanctified, Sealed with the Holy Spirit, Forgiven, Righteous, Redeemed, Holy and Blameless, Accepted, Adopted, Made New, Called, Chosen, Predestined, Glorified, Sons and Daughters, Priests, Saints, Kings and Queens ( just to name a few!)

**I Corinthians 6:17** He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

**Question:** How much or often do we ask for this revelation of all the amazing accruals to our account in Christ? If we do not ask, why do we not ask? We have this treasure of Christ in us for the purpose of this treasure being dispensed through us. Could our lack of asking reflect our lack of believing that these Word are the truths in which we are sanctified?

**RESOLUTION POWER PRAYER POINT:** Pray Ephesians 1:17-19

**RESOLVED TO BELIEVE AND DEFEND THE CHRIST CREATED UNITY WITHIN HIS CHURCH**

*We have been placed into a wartime church. If we're looking to be pacifists in this spiritual conflict, we're in the wrong place. The church is a militant body that fights from "peace to peace in the power of the One who is our peace!" We fight by being sanctified in the Truth!*

**Ephesians 4:1-3** "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you(church) to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you(church) have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another(church) in love, <sup>3</sup> eager (being diligent-NASB) to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

**Ephesians 4:15-16** "...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

**Philippians 2:3-4** "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit (church), but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

**RESOLVED TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN A UNITY THAT DIVIDES**

**Genesis 9:1** "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."

**Genesis 11:1-10** "Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth."

❖ **Satan is the Purveyor of Disunity**

**John 8:44b** "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

**John 10:10** "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." \*\*\*(**But** before he can steal, kill and destroy, he first \_\_\_\_\_)

**Ephesians 5:6-11** "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become partners (partakers-NASB) with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them."

**An understanding of our union with Christ and all that means creates awareness of this: that only Christ defines us and no other; whether those others are our brothers and sisters in**

***Christ, or the world, it matters not one bit. If the world acclaims us, applauds us, hoists us on a 21<sup>st</sup> century donkey and says, "Hosanna", that same world will soon look to crucify us; but not our Lord. He hoists us on his shoulders like a shepherd his wayward lamb, and joyfully proclaims, "MINE!" Mine when you are obedient! Mine when you stray! Mine when you are indifferent! Mine when you don't even know if you believe! Yes! Always this, "Mine, Mine, Mine, Mine, Mine!" And when we see ourselves as such, we readily view our brothers and sisters in Christ as, "His, His, His, His, His!" And therefore, "Mine, Mine, Mine, Mine, Mine!" There is no place for gossip, slander, harshness or division, for there is no such thing in Christ, nor is there to be among His sheep. His passion for us is much too great and His love much too deep to allow any offense, whatever it may be, to be seen as greater than our offense to His Holiness which drew Him from His throne to a cruel cross to unite us as one with Him and one another.***

- ❖ ***Back to the Bible. Do we believe His Word is the Truth in which we are sanctified?***

**RESOLUTION POWER PRAYER POINT: Pray  
Ephesians 4:29**

**GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO WORSHIP HIM IN ONE WAY IF WE WON'T IN ANOTHER**

- ❖ **Worship! It's a whole lot more than singing!**

**Matthew 5:23-24** *"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." (Note: Remember at NT believers, we are now the offering.)*

**Matthew 18:15** *"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."*

**Colossians 3:17** “Whatever you do in word or deed do it all IN the name of the Lord, giving glory to God our Father.”

**Consider this when worshiping through song, being baptized (if you have yet to be), or receiving Communion: If you wouldn't sing next to a particular brother or sister, be baptized next to them or by them, or serve one another communion, do all you can to make it right with your brother or sister before partaking in these forms of worship. Not because the elders say so, but because the Word of God, which we say we believe, says so.**

**Ephesians 4:26-27** “Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil.”

**Christ dying to create a union with us and Himself is a big deal. Our not living in a manner worthy of our calling is a big deal too. Far too many of us have a disease of cancer of the tongue. But cancer of the tongue metastasizes from the heart, because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. And if our hearts belong to Jesus, and they do, and we are perfectly one with Him and we are perfectly one with one another and we are, we must give no quarter to these “alien feelings and attacks” of the world, the flesh and the devil to which we are no longer apart! In the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we must banish them to the hell to which they belong!**

**RESOLUTION POWER PRAYER POINT: Pray Ephesians 4:26-27**

