

Series: Romans

April 28, 2024

Message: "An Impending Danger"

Romans 16:17-19

Big Idea: There are times when in order to maintain unity and peace in the body of Christ you actually have to divide.

I. The more things change...

A. Trouble in the church in the 1st century

1. ANTIOCH
2. GALATIA
3. CORINTH
4. PHILIPPI
5. ASIA

B. Trouble in the church in the 21st century

1. AUTHORITY of Scripture
2. Human SEXUALITY
3. CONSUMERISM and ASSIMILATION
4. Role of GOVERNMENT
5. SOCIAL issues and TRIBALISM

II. The more we need to be anchored to the truth

A. A reason to stay ALERT v. 17

1. A lot like Romans 12

- An APPEAL
- WATCH out for...

2. Dangers WITHIN and WITHOUT

- Acts 20:28f
- The GREATEST threat is from WITHIN

3. UNITY is essential but not at the cost of TRUTH

- DIVISIONS and OBSTACLES

- APOSTOLIC doctrine

4. DISUNITY to maintain UNITY

- WHAT?

- HOW?

B. A DESCRIPTION of the deceivers v. 18

1. Their MOTIVATION

2. Their METHODOLOGY

C. A COMMENDATION and an ADMONITION v. 19

1. Solid REPUTATION

2. Sound ADVICE

III. What we take away.... Only a church founded on truth and growing in truth can be truly united