

Receive Ye One Another

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One of the things that Jesus and the writers of the New Testament spoke about was the fact that there was only one group of believers in His church. There was, and still is, one group of believers that make up the church. This is not my opinion; it is God's truth, and it is revealed in his word. Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church," (Matthew 16:18). There are many congregations, but only one church.

Satan has fought the Lord every step of the way, trying to stop Him from bringing salvation to mankind. He led Herod to kill the infants in an effort to destroy Jesus. Then he rallied the leaders of the Jews to resist Him, and they too, plotted to have Jesus killed. At last they thought that they had won, but He arose from the dead in victory. Satan didn't give up and we see that as soon as the gospel was preached he brought in trouble. He caused division within the believers, causing them to think that their group was better than any other group. **1 Corinthians 1:10**, "Now I beseech you, brethren,

by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Does this verse need some great professor to explain it? It seems pretty clear to me, or at least I think it does. Sounds to me like he is saying that those who believe in, and follow, Jesus are to be in agreement on matters of faith and doctrine. How often do we see this in our day? I have met with people who when they found out that I was a Christian, started looking for things to disagree about. Really? Why? Is that what the Lord taught us to do? Paul, in writing to the church at Corinth, tried to stop their divisions. **1 Corinthians 1:12-13** "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" Then he went on to say in the **third chapter, verses three and four**, "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

Those who believe in the Lord Jesus are to be in unity and love one another. There is no place in the church for divisions, bickering, and fussing over man's opinions. This happens because of pride when a person thinks he knows more than everyone else and wants to have his way. My opinion is like your opinion, when that is all we have we don't have a right to push it on anyone else. It's not what we think, it's what the Lord says that is important.

Do we love one another? This is a serious question, think about it and give an honest answer, to yourself and to God. When a person looks down on someone and thinks that he is better, that is not love. **John 13:34-35**, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." We may not agree on every little thing, but we should accept what the Lord says as gospel. Pray for each other instead of judging one another. **Romans 15:7**, "Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God." The Lord told us to love one another, and to not judge anyone, he will do that.

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OTHNIEL'S TRIUMPH
OTHNIEL HAS DECLARED THAT HE WILL TAKE THE LAST CITY OF THE GIANTS IN ORDER TO WIN CALEB'S DAUGHTER, ACH-SAH, AS HIS WIFE...

WHEN I HAVE TAKEN KIR-JATH-SE-PHER THEN WILL ACH-SAH BE MY WIFE!

THERE IS THE CITY! WE MUST TAKE IT BY STORMING THE WALLS!

FOLLOW ME, ALL YE BRAVE MEN OF JUDAH!

BUT OTHNIEL! THE WALLS ARE HIGH AND STRONG! SURELY THE GIANTS WILL KILL US AS WE TRY TO CLIMB THEM!

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