

Discover the power to heal relationships
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
11-15-06 Wed.

I. The ideal biblical perspective of God's plan for relationships

- A. Where we all _____ "beseech" not command. (1:10)**
B. In the name of the Lord (10b) the _____ to Him not to Paul.

- God's testimony on the line not just your feelings.

C. See How Paul instructs them to pull together (1:10c)

1. Speaking the _____ - agreed about God's truth.

***Acts 2:42** see true biblical fellowship is IMPOSSIBLE without a biblical foundation!

-An agreement about the basics (not just great music, emotions, praising)!

*Biblical Discipleship!

* _____ **is fine** - _____ **is sin!**

1. (1:10:d) "no divisions among you" cp **1 Cor 12:25** "schism" same word division

2. (1:10d) perfectly joined together - same MIND, same JUDGMENT

- Same Mind= _____

- Same judgment= _____

* "perfectly joined" - sewing term; any tears among to be patched up.

* **How do you do that?**

Eph 4:3; Eph 4:11-13; Eph 4:14-16 (especially 14a)

Where does this happen? IN the body of Christ-

-Congregation Sunday. Wednesday smaller groups- care circles

* **Must have this kind of participation to develop unity.**

* People will get hurt - even in church; but we are ALL a work in progress.

* People won't come here if WE can't love each other!

II. We need to diagnose the _____ that destroys relationships.

*Let's do a diagnostic test here:

1. Diagnostic test #1 -Beware of an attitude that puts _____

(1:11) "contention"

See **Gal 5:19-20a "variance"** not on the same wave length; at odds with each other...**James 4:1**

*When saved people don't get along there is ONE cause Carnality/flesh

2. Diagnostic test #2 (1:12-13) beware of people who put _____

3. Diagnostic test #3 (1:14-16) beware of people that put a _____

- **We DON'T have any sacraments at Paradise...**

- "Sacrament"= _____

-**Celebrate the Lord's Supper**- a memorial (**no special energy from God**)

- an Ordinance (an observation)

III. The heart of the matter (1:17-18)

A. The return to a Christ centered life is what gives us victory in relationships

1. Mission NOT to go into the world and have warm fuzzy relationships

2. (1:18) It **is** the power of God

Note: Two key elements to our relationship to Christ:

1. The blood - it is for our justification (for our sins)

2. The cross - it is for our deliverance (for our nature) sin nature

* The blood doesn't take us out of ADAM, but the cross does.

Romans 6:1-6

* The reason for messed-up relationships- is carnality

The healing for those relationships - is the cross