

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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Issues Of Division Among Churches Of Christ With A Plea For Unity

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The Lord prayed, “That they all may be one...” (Jn. 17:21).

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord...” (Is. 1:18).

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The Plea For Unity

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One of the great pleas of the Bible is the plea for unity. We are pleading for the kind of unity described in the word of God.

1) The Psalmist Sang

About It. Hear the refrain of Israel's sweet singer: "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 up the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments..." (Ps. 133). While unity is good, pleasant and precious, there is nothing good, pleasant, nor precious about division!

2) The Lord Prayed For It.

The Lord's prayer in John 17 is an ardent petition for unity. Jesus prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (v. 21). When the Lord's people are all one, it will go a long way in helping bring the world to Christ. The unity for which Christ prayed is accomplished through

the truth of God's word — "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (v. 17).

3) The Apostles Pleaded

For It. Paul addressed the Romans, "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God..." (Rom. 15:6). The Corinthians were admonished, "...be of one mind..." (2 Cor. 13:11). The Philippians were taught, "...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Again, "...that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Phil. 2:2). Peter penned, "Finally, be ye all of one mind..." (Phil. 3:8).

4) What It Takes.

What will it take for the unity plea to be achieved today? It will take the same thing it took in Bible says.

It takes all speaking the same thing. Paul besought the Corinthians, "...that ye all speak the same thing..." (1 Cor. 1:10). This will occur when every man speaks "...as the oracles of God..." (1 Pet. 4:11).

It takes the same mind and

the same judgment. "...that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10). When each of us obey Philippians 2:5 — "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" — we will be of the same mind.

It takes agreement on seven ones. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all..." (Eph. 4:4-6). We can't compromise these and have Bible unity!

It takes walking by the same rule. "...let us walk by the same rule..." (Phil. 3:6). The Bible is the rule book by which we walk.

Will you repudiate error and obey the truth? We invite you to join us in doing all in the name of the Lord (Col. 3:17), holding fast the pattern of sound words (2 Tim. 1:13), and abiding in the doctrine of Christ (2 Jn. 9). Will you take our hand? (Gal. 2:9).

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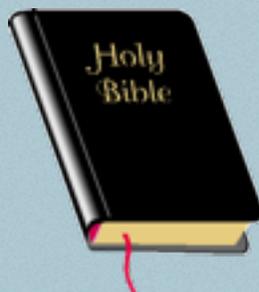
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