



**Series:** God & Politics

**Sermon:** Part 3: How Do We Unite In An Age Of Division?

**Date:** Sunday, November 10th, 2024

Who is our Lord and the one that we are looking to in order to ultimately save us?

*For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility... His [Jesus'] purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility. (Ephesians 2:14-16)*

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a Holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)*

Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else, the dividing wall has been \_\_\_\_\_ down by Jesus and we are all the same at the foot of the cross.

If you consider yourself to be a follower of Jesus, then we actually have the opportunity to model for our community, our nation, and even the world, what it looks like to disagree but still love each other unconditionally.

### **At His Final Meal:**

- 1. Jesus prayed for Himself**
- 2. Jesus prayed for the disciples who were sitting around the table with Him**
- 3. Jesus prayed for us: those who would follow Him today and even those that will follow Him in the future**

*"Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You." (John 17:1)*

*"Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your Name, the Name You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one." (John 17:11)*

This oneness comes from holding onto the Truth of who God is as revealed in Scripture which is the foundation of our \_\_\_\_\_.

*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are One - I in them and You in Me - so that they may be brought to complete unity." (John 17:20-23)*



Anyone who wants to be one with others, must first be one with Him.

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)*

How would someone know that a person is a disciple of Jesus?

**Some Next Steps:**

**1. Start \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus prayed**

*“God, make us one, like You are One, so that we can influence everyone.”*

**2. Look for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ someone unconditionally that you disagree with**

**3. Remember that God is still on the \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives and in this nation regardless of who is in office**

*“I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” (Matthew 16:18)*

*“All authority in Heaven and on Earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)*

Live out your life fully with Jesus so that you can help others to live out their life fully with Jesus.

**Bottom Line:** *“Now more than ever, a divided nation needs a united church. ” (Pastor Carey Nieuwhof)*

***Questions to reflect on this week or with others:***

1. *How would someone know that a person is a disciple of Jesus? What attributes and characteristics would someone who follows Jesus exemplify?*
2. *If Jesus tore down the dividing wall when it comes to humanity, how does that encourage you to live that out in your own relationships, especially with those whom you disagree with politically?*
3. *How can you be on mission with Jesus and the church in order to bring unity and restoration to the environments that you are a part of?*

*Songs used in service: Give Me Faith (Elevation Worship), How Deep The Father’s Love For Us (Stuart Townend), Jesus Paid It All (The Worship Initiative), The Jesus Way (Phil Wickham), God and God Alone (Chris Tomlin)*

**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**