

Can there be
Harmony in Division?
 (Unity in Diversity)

1Co 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.

- beseech- Gk.3870-to call near, invite, invoke (by imploration).
- by- Gk.1223-denoting the channel of an act, through.
- name- Gk.3686- authority, character.

Joh 16:22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. **23** And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father **in My name**, He will give *it* you. **24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

- Whatever we ask is to be asked in/by the authority that God gives to those who are in Christ. Because Jesus obeyed the Father in coming in the form of man and finishing the work He came to do, God rewarded Him for His obedience.

Joh 5:27 And hath **given Him authority** to execute judgment also, **because** He is the Son of man.

Php 2:10 That **at the name** (*authority*) **of Jesus** every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **11** And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- When Jesus comes in all His glory at the judgement, Hindus, athiests, Muslims, Budists and all other denominationalists **along** with the righteous will submit to the authority given to Him by the Father because of the sacrifice He gave at the cross for all of mankind to receive. (*The righteous already do bend the knee to Him in prayer therefore won't have to be fearful when that day comes.*)

Mat 24:5 For many shall come **in My name**, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Mar 13:22 For **false Christs** and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect (*the church*).

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many **false prophets** are gone out into the world.

2Co 11:13 For such *are* **false apostles**, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore *it is* no great

thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Luk 21:17 And ye shall be hated of all *men* **for My name's sake**.

- The Jews of Jesus' day did not accept His authority as being deity and His followers would pay the price for their devotion to Him.

Joh 5:43 I am come **in My Father's name**, and ye receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Act 5:34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; 35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. 36 For before these days rose up Theudas, **boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men**, about four hundred, **joined themselves**: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. 37 After this man **rose up Judas of Galilee** in the days of the taxing, and **drew away much people after him: he also perished**; and all, *even* as many as **obeyed him**, were dispersed.

Joh 15:21 But all these things will they do unto you **for My name's sake**, because they know not Him that sent Me.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**:

- Even conversions are to be done in and by the authority of the Godhead. In other words, as the inspired word commands it, so shall it be.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and **doctrines of devils**; 2 Speaking lies in **hypocrisy**; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of **them which believe and know the truth**.

- all speak the same thing-

1Pe 4:11 If any man **speak**, *let him speak as the oracles (Gk.3051-an utterance [of God]) of God*; if any man minister, *let him do it as of the ability which God giveth*: that God in all things **may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to Whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- that there be no divisions- Gk.4978-a split or gap ("schism").

Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me **through their word**; 21 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.*

- perfectly joined together- Gk.2675-to complete thoroughly, repair or adjust.

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, **as lively (living) stones**, are built up a spiritual house (*Gk.3624-dwelling, by implication a family*), an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

- same mind-

Rom 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be **likeminded** one toward another **according to Christ Jesus**: 6 That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the **mind of Christ**.

Php 1:27 Only let your conversation be **as it becometh the gospel of Christ**: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in **one spirit**, with **one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel**;

Php 2:5 Let this **mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made Himself of **no reputation**, and took upon Him the form of **a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, He **humbled** Himself, and became **obedient** unto death, even the death of the cross.

- same judgment- Gk.1106-cognition, opinion, resolve, purpose, will.

1Th 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love **one toward another**, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you: 13 **To the end (purpose)** he may stablish (*Gk.4741-to set fast*) your hearts (*Gk.2588-mind*) unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, **even as there shall be false teachers among you**, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And **many shall follow** their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

If we are not all of the same understanding when it comes to scripture, division is inevitable. As we grow in our knowledge of the word, this will lessen as a problem but will not completely go away.

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who **by reason of use** have their **senses exercised to discern** both good and evil.

1Co 14:20 Brethren, be not children (*Gk.3813-immature*) in understanding (*Gk.5424-cognition [Webster: perception]*): howbeit in malice (*Gk.2549-badness, depravity*) be ye children (*Gk.3515-innocently*), but in understanding be men (*Gk.5046-complete*).

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1Co 1:11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

1Co 1:12 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.

1Co 1:13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

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- For it hath been declared- it was plain to see there was division in the Corinthian church. Chloe had reported to Paul the contentious nature of those who debated over who was more important because of whom it was they aligned themselves to.

Eph 1:20 Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set *Him* at His own right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21 **Far above all** principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and **every name that is named**, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put **all things under His feet**, and gave Him *to be* the **head over all things** to **the church**, 23 Which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

Col 1:16 For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: 17 And He is **before all things**, and by Him all things consist. 18 And He is the **head of the body, the church**: Who is the beginning, the **firstborn** from the dead; that in all *things* He might have the **preeminence** (*Gk.4409-to be first*).

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- Paul listed himself, Apollos and Peter as mere mortal men who did not have the same authority as does Christ. During the Reformation even Martin Luther (1483-1546) didn't want people to call themselves Lutherans but just Christians. The Christians at Corinth were told only to imitate Paul when his actions were Christ-like.

1Co 11:1 Be ye **followers** (*Gk.3402-imitator*) of me, even as (*Gk.2531-just [or inasmuch] as*) I also *am* of Christ.

2Pe 3:15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which

are some things hard to be understood, which **they that are unlearned** and unstable **wrest, as they do also the other scriptures**, unto their own destruction. **17** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being **led away with the error** of the wicked, **fall** from your own steadfastness. **18** But **grow** (*Gk.837-enlarge, [give the] increase*) **in grace, and in the knowledge** (*Gk.1108-knowing [the act], science*) of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Mat 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:**

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Therefore, the answer to the question "*can there be harmony in division?*" is **no!** And we should never "agree to disagree" on matters of faith but we can humbly "agree that we **will** disagree" with teachings that are not found in scripture.

Tit 1:9 **Holding fast the faithful word** as he hath been taught, that he may be able by **sound** (*Gk.5198-uncorrupt*) **doctrine** both to **exhort** (*beseech*) and to **convince** (*convict*) the gainsayers.

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ... "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
 Believe: **Heb 11:6** ... "for he that commeth to God must believe that He is" ...
 Repent: **Lk 13:3** ... "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."
 Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."
 Be baptized: **Acts 2:38** ... "repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" ...
 Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ... "even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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