SERMON NOTES

“United We Stand – Divided We Fall”
July 26, 2020 – AM Sermon

Text Ephesians 4:1-3

INTRODUCTION – Quarrels are a part of life.

☐ I want to speak today about a subject that God desires for His people.
God demands from His people.

  • It is one thing that Satan works day and night to undo.
  • It is something Jesus prayed for just before He went to the Cross.
  • It is the 1 thing that the Bible says will convince people that
    ➔ the Church has something the world does not.

IT IS UNITY

I. THE TARGET OF DIVISION – The Church

☐ Ephesians 6:12 – “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against
principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against
spiritual wickedness in high places.”

☐ 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.”

☐ 2 Corinthians 13:11 – “Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be
of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.”

☐ Philippians 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;”

☐ 1 Peter3:8 – “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love
as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:”

☐ John 17:23 – “I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and
that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast
loved me.”
**Ephesians 4:3** – “Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

“I have never known the Spirit of God to work where the Lord’s people were divided.”
D.L. Moody

### II. THE TOOLS OF DIVISION – The Tongue

- Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-6
- What does Satan use in us to cause division in the Church?

**A. TURMOIL SIMMERS WITHIN**
- Paul speaks of several tools for division.
  1. Envying
  2. Strife
  3. Division

**B. TONGUE SPEAKS OUT**
- Did you know that one of the greatest sins that God mentions = Gossip

### III. THE TRIUMPH OF DIVISION – The Holy Spirit

- **Ephesians 4:29-30** – “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

- Unity is the first thing that will convince people that the church has something that the world does not have.

- **Psalm 133:1-2** – “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 upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;”