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Introduction

As I sought the Lord for this week’s Sunday sermon, He impressed upon me to preach the following message.

We’ll learn how to have constant peace as we walk in unity with the body of Christ. This doesn’t come naturally to most people. It is a skill that is developed over time as we walk with the body of Christ and her leaders.

Let’s learn today!

2 Corinthians 13:11

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1. Aim for Restoration, Most of The Time

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2. Sometimes We Avoid Restoration

Titus 3:10-11

As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, **have nothing more to do with him**, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

3. Comfort One Another

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...**who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction...**

4. When a Person Walks in One Accord God's Peace Will Be with Them

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Speak The Same Things

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1 Corinthians 1

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all **speak the same thing**, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be **perfectly joined together** in the same mind and in the same judgment.

The Apostle/Pastor sets the tone for what is standardized in a church, and the lay leaders keep the culture submissive to the standard. Then, the members are to help God keep the order in the church by gently correcting division or gossip.

Every church has varying standards and protocols that we must submit to if we are to enjoy peace & prosperity in God's family.

5. A Divisive Person Has Turmoil & God's Judgment

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6. The Rare Person Who Serves the Body of Christ

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Mark 9:35

And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, **"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."**

Many serve by attending our online revivals, small groups and Sunday service. Many serve by paying their tithes & offerings. Many others serve on ministry teams.

7. Never Break Your Vows

Especially in marriage, we need to honor all commitments and vows.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-6

When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

When a person joins our church, we ask that they promise to never gossip and that they will help us protect our unity. Let's make and keep this vow again in the fear of the Lord!

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About Gossips

Romans 1:29

They were **filled with all manner of unrighteousness**, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. **They are gossips...**

8.Honor All Denominations of God's Church

9. Wow! Is That What You Think of Me?

When people are divisive or when they gossip in Jesus' bride, He takes it personal. This is His bride, and He will protect her.

10. Earn Trust & Respect with God's People

Romans 12:10

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

11. The Wrath of God is Coming, Walk in Order

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The Lord is judging all wickedness in all nations, and we would do well to learn to walk in unity and order in God's house.

1 Corinthians 14:40

But all things should be done decently and in order.