



Is God Divided?

How **important** is UNITY within the church?

It is important enough to **plead**,
persuade, and **pray**.

(1 Cor. 1)

It is NOT important enough to ignore
error, refusing to **challenge** heresy.

(1 Cor. 3)

God does not value unity above **TRUTH**.

“For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.”

(II Cor. 13:8)

It is NOT important enough to ignore **immoral/evil** behavior, seeking to **avoid** confrontations or discipline.

God does not value unity above
RIGHTEOUSNESS

“But you... pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance, gentleness.”

(1 Tim 6:11)

The desire for unity must cause us to tolerate differences in method, but NOT cause us to tolerate a different message.

Some “churches” are irrelevant to God’s work because they conform to the ungodly culture and do not accept the authority of Biblical doctrine.

The time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

(II Tim. 4:3-4)

I know that you will stand firm in ONE SPIRIT,
contending as ONE MAN for the **faith**
of the gospel without being frightened in any
way by those who oppose you.

(Phil. 1:27)

The differences we feel are less important than the dangers we face.