

1 CORINTHIANS REVIEW

OPEN: PURPOSE OF THE BOOK = UNITY WITHIN THE BODY OF MESSIAH

GEN 11:6 [AMP]

And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one [unified] people, and they all have the same language. This is only the beginning of what they will do [in rebellion against Me], and now no evil thing they imagine they can do will be impossible for them.

[YOU CAN BE UNIFIED FOR GOD OR UNIFIED AGAINST GOD]

PURPOSE & POTENTIAL:

HUMANITY HAS A GOD GIVEN POTENTIAL TO FULFILL HIS PURPOSE [EDEN] BUT WE ALSO USE THE VERY POTENTIAL TO REBEL AGAINST YAHWEH’ PURPOSE. THIS IS WHY UNITY SHOULD BE A VERY HIGH PRIORITY IN THE CHURCH. WE ARE TO BE UNIFIED WITH YAHWEH AND EACH OTHER TO BRING ABOUT RESTORATION IN PEOPLE’S LIVES THROUGH YESHUA!

JOHN 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you *love one another*, even as *I have loved you*, that you *also love one another* “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

PAUL’S CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE OF CORINTH WAS ROOTED IN THEM BEING DIFFERENT FROM THE SURROUNDING WORLD

11:19-22 SUMS UP HOW THEY WERE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE WORLD THAT SURROUNDED THEM IN THE PAGAN TEMPLES

THEY WEREN’T LIVING OUT JOHN 13 THAT YOU LOVE / AGAPAO ONE ANOTHER

IT WASN’T TO LOVE FOR THE SAKE OF LOVE..... IT WAS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNITY. THIS WAS SO DIFFERENT FROM THE ROMAN AND PAGAN WORLD THAT THE BELIEVERS IN CORINTH LIVED IN.

ROM 12:9-21

IN THE ANCIENT WORLD & TODAY IT’S ONLY THE GOD OF ISRAEL WHO LOVES HIS PEOPLE AND LONGS TO BE WITH THEM

ALL OTHER “GODS” SUBVERT, OPPRESS AND USE THE PEOPLE WHO BOW DOWN TO THEM IN WORSHIP.....WHY? THE POWER BEHIND THESE “GODS” ARE DEMONIC

SO, THERE IS NO LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE

**PAUL WAS TRYING TO HELP THE CHURCH TO LIVE IN UNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING GOD’S KINGDOM BY REDEEMING SOULS
THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH WAS DIFFERENT FROM TODAY’S CHURCH
IT WAS YOUNG AND BEING CHALLENGED BY 2 OTHER ENTITIES**

1] WAS THE ROMAN EMPIRE

WHO'S MOTTO "WAS PEACE & SECURITY"

ROM 1:1-7

THIS WAS A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO THE ROMAN'S AUTHORITY AS A DIVINE ENTITY

MAT 22:17-21

Around the image is the inscription "Tiberius Caesar, Worshipful Son of the God, Augustus."

On the back of the coin is Pax, the Roman goddess of Peace, with the inscription "Pontiff Maxim," which stands for "Pontifex Maximus," meaning "High Priest."

GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S.....WHICH IS THE WORSHIP OF HIS SON

2] WAS THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP

THE JEWISH LEADERS IN THE CHURCH WAS STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO AS FAR AS TORAH FOR GENTILE BELIEVERS [DIET,

CIRCUMCISION...ETC.] ACTS 15

YOU HAD THE NON-BELIEVING JEWISH LEADERSHIP

NOT ONLY WERE THEY AFRAID OF LOSING POWER....BUT THEY HAD THIS UNEASY TRUCE WITH THE ROMANS THAT WAS BEING THREATENED BY THE CHURCH AND WHO AND HOW THEY WORSHIPED

THE BELIEFS OF ROME'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICES WERE BEING CHALLENGED BY YESHUA & THE EARLY CHURCH. 1ST CENTURY JUDAISM WAS BEING CHALLENGED BY THE CHURCH BECAUSE OF THE MESSIAHSHIP AND DEITY OF YESHUA. THE FRAGILE TRUCE BETWEEN ROME AND JUDAISM WAS NOW BEING THREATENED. UNDER THE TRUCE JUDAISM WAS ALLOWED TO WORSHIP ONE GOD. WHERE ROME'S GOVERNING WAS BASED ON A POLYTHEISTIC RULE. BUT NOW THE CHURCH WAS A THREAT TO THE EMPIRE & THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE DEITY OF YESHUA AND HIS KINGDOM FROM HEAVEN.

THIS IS THE VERY CORE OF WHY UNITY WITHIN THE BODY OF MESSIAH WAS CRUCIAL FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE CHURCH THEN AND NOW

THE EXTERNAL & INTERNAL PRESSURES ARE STILL TRYING TO TEAR US APART

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlXmNzyfgeg>

TO LOWER BARRIERS = NOT LOWERING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE IT MEANS TO LOWER OUR PRIDE OF HOW WE SEE OTHERS AND SHARING YESHUA AND HIS MESSAGE

THE PEOPLE OF YESHUA WHO IS THE SON OF THE TRUE GOD ARE TO BE UNIFIED AROUND HIM, HIS MESSAGE OF HOPE AND EACH OTHER..... THIS IS HIS CHURCH.....WHY? BECAUSE HE IS OUR ELOHIM!!

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PSA 89:6-8

For whom in the skies is comparable to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the LORD, A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him? O LORD God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

EXO 15:11

“Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?

DEU 3:24

‘O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Yours?

Deu 32:31

“Indeed, their rock is not like our Rock, Even our enemies themselves judge this.

Isa 40:18

To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

Isa 40:25

“To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?” says the Holy One.

Isa 46:5

“To whom would you liken Me And make Me equal and compare Me, That we would be alike?