

Know and Do—Understanding the Church (Series Outline from Capitol Hill Baptist Church)

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Understanding the Church, Week 3: "Diversity in the Body" (know portion)

I. Diversity is _____.

- A. "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."—**Genesis 1:26–27**
- B. "² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."—**Genesis 12:2–3**
- C. "Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord. ²³ Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"— **Zechariah 8:22–23**
- D. **Christ commands this ancient call for diversity in his church**

II. In our diversity we must hold fast to _____.

- A. "Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven."—**Acts 2:5**
- B. "So Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.'"—**Acts 10:34–35**
- C. "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."—**Romans 10:12–13 (Gal. 3:28).**
- D. "This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."—**Ephesians 3:6**

III. We are working together toward a _____.

- A. "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every

tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”—**Revelation 5:9–10**

- B. “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” —**Revelation 7:9–10**
- C. “And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.” —**Revelation 21:22–26**

Understanding the Church, Week 3: “Diversity in the Body” (do portion)

1. Read Genesis 1:26–27.
 - a. Where does the idea for diversity come from and why is it good?

 - b. What makes diversity difficult? (see Genesis 3:6, 8–13)
2. Genesis 10 provides the “table of nations.” In our discussion on diversity, why is it important to know that this table comes before the Tower of Babel incident?
3. How does God’s promise to Abraham show his commitment to a diversified group of people in his kingdom?
4. How did God use the nation of Israel throughout the Old Testament to promote a diverse kingdom?
5. How do Jesus’ actions and teaching help us see God’s desire for diversity in the church?
6. Can you give personal examples of times you’ve seen diversity cause problems in the local church?
7. How can the church maintain its diversity without causing undo problems?
8. Read Revelation 5:9–10; 7:9–10; 21:22–26. To what end does diversity point us? How should knowing this end affect our striving together as Christ’s church today?
9. Write down one thing you can do this week to get to know someone outside of your normal friend circle at FBCW and to better understand how Christ is working in his/her life. And go do it 😊