

Our Common Cause should Unite Us, Not a Belief System

As followers of Jesus on the Earth we are united in our allegiance to him.¹ However we are not in perfect unity with each other like we should be because we aren't perfect yet. This was the case even in Paul's day², so its nothing new.

For the past 2 millennia Christians have been fractured into a multitude of groups because of sectarianism where the belief system of each causes them to reject everyone else. There are calls for unity today as there has been in the past because that's what Father wants – his sons united in love and purpose. These divisions have been caused by schisms (splits) which are called 'heresies' in NT Greek. Heresies are divisions caused by separated adherence to doctrines (teachings) which may be truth or they may be error. Note that a heresy can be caused by the truth because believers separate from those who disagree with 'their truth'.

In the Kingdom, what unites us is our King and his Kingdom. Everything else is irrelevant. As we strongly focus on these two and on Kingdom business (i.e. our Kingdom assignments) the things of this world and variations in people's theologies dissipate. It's like they don't even exist. When these distractions vanish, we can see each other as brothers and sisters, all part of the one, wonderful, loving family.

This is important! We must focus on what matters because we can't come into unity while ever we don't agree with those who disagree with us on matters that are irrelevant in the big scheme of things – i.e. as far as Heaven is concerned.

- ★ When we gather as the *ekklesia* we have to learn to unite under our King.
- ★ When we connect as sons we have to learn to unite under the banner of the Kingdom.
- ★ In a Kingdom marriage – one ordered and set up by Heaven – what unites the spouses is their joint Kingdom assignment.³

I have experienced the disunity among Christians, as well as unity originating in a common cause. For example: On the land (i.e. being a farmer or grazier) when the husband and wife work together in the paddock⁴ even though they may have different life-functions, a bond develops, uniting them in a way that a normal marriage can't. Although a rural man may have different jobs and responsibilities on the property⁵ to his wife, who usually manages the house and the children, when they spend a reasonable portion of their daylight hours working side-by-side they grow together and bond. This is wonderful.

Similar bonding occurs between members of the armed forces. The bonding is so strong, that when they leave the forces they are unable to find this 'brotherhood' in their family or in society. This bond produced stability and purpose in them and without something to match it they become recluses and many commit suicide.

We must focus on the King, the Kingdom and our Kingdom assignments as our top priority so that we bond and unify with the sons we are connected with. I've tasted it and I know its where we are meant to be.

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1 – 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

2 – Ephesians 4:13

3 – Read "6-Side-by-side Operation" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/06-Side-by-side-Operation.pdf &
Read "9-The Two Become One" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/09-The-Two-Become-One.pdf

4 – "The field" i.e. outside with the crops and livestock.

5 – i.e. the farm or cattle station