

Sermon Notes: HEART TO HEART PT 2 G. Fabian 31.05.09

Ephesians 4: Soul winners, yes but Christ-like (attaining to the full measure)

2 Peter 1:3-4: Given us everything we need to participate in the divine nature

CHRIST THE HEAD of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

Body (the Church) grows as each does their part.

Ephesians 4:1 ff

MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP UNITY

**5 facets:**

- **HUMBLE**
- **GENTLE**
- **PATIENT**
- **BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER**
- **IN LOVE**
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V13 'until we all reach unity in the faith'...

Would like to look at a **heart**: look at **unity**... make every effort

**GOD LOVES UNITY** Psalm 133 Acts 2

Acts 6 we see disunity/repentance/unity/revival

**GOD HATES DISUNITY** Divorce Proverbs 6 anything that causes dissention

**UNITY TAKES EVERY EFFORT** (not clones but differences celebrated)

**IN ESSENTIAL BELIEFS** we have unity

**IN NON-ESSENTIAL BELIEFS** we have liberty

**IN ALL OUR BELIEFS** we have love for one another

Remember Paul fought himself at times but fought for unity.

Scripture speaks of disunity: of offences/hurts (Gk/ Skandalon).. Some people cause offence: remember that Jesus did too.. Rock of offence – FOR .. **big picture**

Make every effort with people: humble, gentle, patient, bearing with one another in love.... Grace grows... drive you to Jesus (for His presence, likeness, maturity)

Straight after 5 fold ministry Paul talks of unity in the faith... to see Godly leadership develop to full potential... we must all make every effort to keep unity... (Naturally supernatural)

God trusts me and you working together to be light to the world; salt of the earth; shine like lights in the universe; Christ-like

## **Two OT pictures of unity:**

David & Jonathon

1 Samuel 18:3-4 (one in spirit)

Jonathan (King's son) made a covenant with (lowly) David - loved him as himself

ROBE/TUNIC/SWORD/BOW/BELT (where you are David, I am; you need it, I have it; you fight; I fight with; fight for you)

David held to this covenant, not just to and for his generation but for generations to come and follow.

See background story of Mephibosheth (Saul's grandson, Jonathon's son)

2 Samuel 9:7-8.... Mephibosheth ('a dead dog like me')

COVENANT/CONTRACT

Didn't have to receive that: he sat at the King's table as a son.

Saul's maturity?? : Lacked humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another, in love

## **1 Chronicles 12**

**Verse 17** "If you have come to me in peace, to help me, I am ready to have you unite with me. But if you have come to betray me to my enemies when my hands are free from violence, may the God of our fathers see it and judge you."

**Verse 22** Day after day men came to help David, until he had a great army, like the army of God.

**Verse 38** All these were fighting men who volunteered to serve in the ranks. They came to Hebron fully determined to make David king over all Israel. All the rest of the Israelites were also of one mind to make David king.

OT covenant but a shadow.. with the Holy Spirit, now, how powerful when we are one in spirit and purpose to make Christ King (his Name famous, His Gospel spread; His attributes manifest and His glorious Kingdom extended)