#### **SERMON HANDOUT** for June 4, 2023



#### **UNITY IN THE SPIRIT**

Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV Min. Mike Davis

**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV

## **INTRODUCTION**

"...Because We Did Not Receive the Love of the Truth...

GOD sends Strong Delusions that you may Believe The Lie."

My Humble appeal to you:

That we may come together As One Body in Christ

That the world around us may See the "LOVE" of the True and Living GOD, "Living through us"

This can only happen through the "Unity in the Spirit"

BACKGROUND - First 3 chapters of Ephesians - "Our Position as Christians"

### IMPORTANT PHRASES: "IN CHRIST" / "IN HIM"

Appear about **35** Times (more than any other New Testament book.

**CHAPTER 1** - \*In HIM, \*Bless, \*Chose, \*Adopt, \*Redeemed, \*Inheritance, \*Hope, \*Sealed, \*Seated in the Heavenly Places, \* Powers, \*Far above All Principles

Paul's Prayer - Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJV

CHAPTER 2 - Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV, 'By Grace You've Been Saved'

CHAPTER 3 - Ephesians 3:16-21 NKJV, 'Rooted in Love'

**'UNITY'** = \*ALL in Agreement \*One Accord \*One Mind \*State of Being United \*Joined as a Whole

'To KNOW' = \*Identify \*Direct Awareness \*Hands On \*Experience \*Consciousness of GOD at ALL Times

# 1) UNITY IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_

**EPHESIANS 4:1 NKJV** (Prisoner = Bondservant)

- a) Create Disciples' (Teaching the Lost) Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18
- b) 'Walk in The Spirit' (Works of the Flesh) Galatians 5:16-21 NKJV
- c) 'Surrender to GOD's Love' (Humility) 'Humble' (Under the authority of another) 1 Peter 5:6-9
- d) 'Be Holy' (Godliness) (Sanctification) (Set Apart) 1 Peter 1:13-16
- 2) UNITY IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Created In His IMAGE)

#### **EPHESIANS 4:2 NKJV**

#### FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - Galatians 5:22-26 NKJV

a) **Love** - 1 John 4:7-10

**Love** means: \* Unconditional \*Unselfish \*Loyal concern about the good of another person

b) JOY - James 1:1-5 (Great Pleasure or Delight from having Success)

John 16:33 - 'PLEASURE' (State of gratification Grateful Thankfulness)

Nehemiah 8:10

- c) **PEACE Philippians 4:6-13 NKJV** 
  - \*State of Tranquility or \*Quiet Stability \*Content \*Calm
  - \*Freedom from Disturbing (or) Oppressive Thoughts \*Emotions
- d) LONGSUFFERING (Long Patience & Endurance)
  - \*Remaining the same Under Pressure \*Waiting without Complaining
- e) **GENTLENESS** (Thoughtful)
  - \*Kind \*Soft answer \*Considerate of others
- f) **GOODNESS** (Generous)
  - \*Just \*Fair \*Conforming to Righteous Behavior
- g) **FAITHFULNESS** (Full of Faith)
  - \*Loyal Trustworthy \*True to Fact \*Strong Conviction \*Steadfast in Keeping Promises
- h) **MEEKNESS** (Holding No Resentment)
  - \*Humble \*Not Taking things Personally \*I have No Control Over Others \*Self Control
  - \*Control Over One's Own Behavior \* Emotions

We Like to Say... "What Would 'JESUS' Do?"

Love Does Not Change because of our Own Selfish Ambitions (or) Earthly Desires

Colossians 3:14-15 - Above All Things 'PUT ON LOVE' (Peace of GOD Rule Your Heart)

## 3) UNITY IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Created In His IMAGE)

- † Ephesians 2:14-22 NKJV
- † 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ... 'Temple of The Holy Spirit' (Bought with A Price)

#### **EPHESIANS 4:3 NKJV**

- **ENDEAVORING** = 'To Make a Serious Effort to Keep Unity in the Spirit'
- Offend My Family ... 'I Am about to Take Off / Don't let me loose!
- † James 3:13-18 NKJV Heavenly Wisdom' vs Earthly Wisdom
- † Romans 7:17-18 NKJV 'NOTHING GOOD dwells in the Flesh' (Nothing in Greek means...)
- † Romans 7:25 NKJV 'Serving the LAW of GOD with my MIND'
- † Romans 8:1-2 NKJV
- † 1 John 2:24-27 NKJV
- † John 16:13 'Guide us into All Truth'
- † John 14:26 'Counselor' (HELPER) ... Bring All Things to Remembrance
- † 1 John 5:7 'These THREE AGREE as ONE' ... (FATHER / WORD/ HOLY SPIRIT)

| 4) | UNITY | IN |  |
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### **EPHESIANS 4:4-6 NKJV**

- † 1 Corinthians 2:9-16 NKJV
- † Ephesians 5:24 & Romans 12:1-2 'RENEWING OF THE MIND' (Meditating Day & Night)
- † 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 'CASTING DOWN IMAGINATION'
- † Colossians 3:1-4 NKJV
- † Philippians 1:27-30 NKJV
- † Philippians 2:1-11 NKJV 'HUMILITY OF CHRIST'