

# The Church Must Stay United

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Accumulating More  
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Contrast



**Romans 12:2 (NIV)** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Matthew 5:14 (NIV)** "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

**Matthew 5:16 (NIV)** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)** I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

**John 17:20-21 (NIV)** "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

**John 17:23 (NIV)** I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will

A church dies when Christians start to \_\_\_\_\_  
to the culture around them.

A church thrives when Christians live in \_\_\_\_\_  
to the culture around them.

As the world gets more \_\_\_\_\_,  
the church must stand in contrast \_\_\_\_\_.

When a church is \_\_\_\_\_, it's WEAK and  
DESTRUCTIBLE.

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know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)** For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

**John 17:4 (NIV)** I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

**Matthew 28:19-20a (NIV)** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

**2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)** and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

**Romans 14:1 (NIV)** Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

**John 13:34-35 (NIV)** “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**Philippians 2:14-16 (NIV)** Do everything without grumbling or arguing,<sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

**Leviticus 19:16 (NIV)** “Do not go about spreading slander among your people...”

For Jesus to be \_\_\_\_\_,  
His church must be \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Common \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Common \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 20:19 (NIV)** A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.

**Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

**Titus 3:1-2 (NIV)** Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,<sup>2</sup> to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

What's one thing God needs me to do TODAY to contribute to the unity of our church TOMORROW?



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