

AMALGAMATION - VS- ALIENATION & ANNIHILATION

Amalgamation - the action, process, or result of combining or uniting.

Alienation - the state or experience of being isolated from a group or an activity to which one should belong, or in which one should be involved.

Annihilation - complete destruction or obliteration

Question: Why do you think that there are so many different recipes for the same main dish or dessert?

Possible Answers:

1). We think we already have a better recipe than someone else.

"If it was good enough for my grandmother and mother, it is good enough for me."

2). We may not like some of the ingredients, or it is not spicy enough for our liking.

Note: We think we can always improve on someone else's recipe and make it better.

3). We always want to put our signature on the things we cook or create.

Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently. For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that he can eat anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume he should only be a vegetarian and eat accordingly. But since both are guests at Christ's table, wouldn't it be terribly rude if they fell to criticizing what the other ate or didn't eat? God, after all, invited them both to the table. Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help. Or, say, one person thinks that some days should be set aside as holy and another thinks that each day is pretty much like any other. There are good reasons either way. So, each person is free to follow the convictions of conscience. What's important in all this is that if you keep a holy

day, keep it for God's sake; if you eat meat, eat it to the glory of God and thank God for prime rib; if you're a vegetarian, eat vegetables to the glory of God and thank God for broccoli. None of us are permitted to insist on our own way in these matters. It's God we are answerable to—all the way from life to death and everything in between—not each other. That's why Jesus lived and died and then lived again: so that he could be our Master across the entire range of life and death, and free us from the petty tyrannies of each other.
Romans 14:1-9 MSG

Things to consider!

"What we bring to the table is for someone else, it is not about how it makes us feel to contribute."

Question: Are we willing to allow Holy Spirit to add our part (Seasoning, Spice or Herb) to the pot without demanding that everyone like it or not?

"When we are able to place more value on our corporate WORTH than we do our individual expressions, we will begin to embrace the importance of being ONE."

{When we come together in Him it should be more like a family reunion and less like an organized, structured business meeting}

At most family reunions the patriarch or matriarch of the family is the honored guest.

{It is important to honor the head of the Ekklesia and Kingdom every time we come together} - (Messiah Yahshua)

Everything else will taste much better once we stop trying to force feed the family with what we bring to the table.

It is good to introduce new things to our pallets, and thereby expand our understanding of the process of amalgamation.

Remember this, we do not have to agree on every point of doctrine or theology to have a place at the table in the Father's House, and while we are sons of the same Father and brothers of the same family, we are not necessarily identical twins.

We may have some individual preferences when it comes to the things we like, but in honor of the HEAD and one another, we must be willing to partake of things together that are not necessarily good all the time. :)

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. This I command you, that you love one another. John 15:12-17 NASB2020

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." Romans 12:9-19 MSG