## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **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'