

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1459: Are Both Unity and Diversity Possible in Today's Christianity?

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See:



1. How do the Scriptures define the foundation of true Christian unity?
 - a. How do Ephesians 4:4-6, John 3:16, Romans 12:1-2 establish this foundation?
 - b. How does "setting our minds on things above" and making Christ our life help us determine how we decide things are excluded or included from our Christian belief and practice. (Colossians 3:2-4)
2. Who should be included in our fellowship? When we come into Christ, what is expected of us? How should we treat those newly seeking Christ? (Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 3:2-9 and Galatians 5:19-21)
3. How can Christians recognize their individual differences while remaining united in identity and purpose in Christ? (Colossians 3:10-11, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, Galatians 3:27-29)
4. Describe the process of renewal. What part does diligent study and accurate handling of God's word play in our renewal? 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 2 Timothy 2:15-16)
5. Why is diversity important in the body of Christ? How do we contribute to the body? Why is it destructive to judge our own progress by comparison with others in the body? (Colossians 3:10-11, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, Ephesians 4:11-13)
6. What tools do Colossians 3:12-13 and Ephesians 4:25-27, 31-32 give us in understanding how to respond to one another, especially if someone offends us or makes us angry?
7. Why must Christians not align themselves to particular spiritual leaders? What principles do we need to fall back on when competing loyalties cause division? (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 3:3-7)
8. How can believers respect diversity in the body? Give examples of exercising individual conscience in our lives which do not violate scriptural standards. How can a Christian community honor each member's contribution? (Romans 14:4,8, Colossians 3:5-9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 21-23)
9. Are Christian unity and diversity both possible today? What does that look like in a Christian community? (John 13:14-16, Colossians 3:14-17, Ephesians 4:1-6, 2 Peter 1:2-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 12:21-23)
10. How am I allowing Christ to transform my life, and how might I be holding onto parts of my former self?
11. Where can I improve in Christlike love, patience, humility and forgiveness towards fellow Christians who differ from me?