

Unity - August 30, 2015 - All Together

Introduction

The blood of Jesus Christ restored the harmony between heaven and earth. When believers come together to remember the cross and the blood that Jesus shed for us, it is like playing a song that produces a universal harmony. This song continually ignites a passion of love for one another, unique to the church. Communion is the way in which we play the song that was written on the Cross and restores and keeps the church all together as one.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Are you someone who enjoys good music? Does it bother you when someone is singing out of tune or when musicians are playing out of tune? Explain a little of what you hear when someone or something is out of tune.
- 2. Have you ever been in a place where there were groups of people who were together in the same place but were totally disunified? What did the environment feel like? How did you handle it personally?
- 3. Have you witnessed a time or personally been part of time when people came together in unity to accomplish a common goal? What was the goal and how did the unity of everyone coming together help accomplish it?
- 4. Read <u>Acts 2:42-47</u>. Make a list of the things that brought the early followers of Jesus Christ from just being together to being in unison. What did they do for each other and others once they were unified?
- 5. Read <u>Colossians 1:15-23</u>. What does God say He did for all of creation through His only Son Jesus Christ? How does what God did for creation help bring unity with people?

Moving Forward

The blood of Jesus Christ restored the harmony between heaven and earth. Every time we remember the cross and the blood that Jesus shed for us, it is like playing a song that produces a universal harmony that continually ignites a passion of love for one another. This unity is a unique opportunity provided only to the church of Jesus Christ. If there are relational or corporate problems amongst followers of Jesus, the power of the cross is what brings harmony into those situations. Is there someone or something that needs to be brought back into harmony in our life? If so, spend time revisiting the cross and receive its unifying power so that you can live in unison with others and in the environments you are called to.

Changing Your Mind - Commit this to memory

And all who believed were together and had all things in common.- Acts 2:44 (ESV)