



Divide and Conquer!!

I am sure you have been keeping up with what is happening around the NFL, or you have at least heard about it to the point that you are now feeling ill. It is a mess that probably won't go away anytime soon. It all started last year when a player decided to take a knee during the singing of the National Anthem and the displaying of the United States Flag. Actually in the beginning the player didn't take a knee, he simply sat on the benches during a preseason game. This later transitioned to taking a knee to protest police brutality and racial inequality. Other players soon joined. In a press conference the player said, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people, and people of color." Many thought protesting during the Anthem was disrespectful and was dishonoring the Nations Flag and the military and took offense. It wasn't what he was protesting it was when. Then, this past Friday President Trump echoed these feelings, using words I can't repeat in this article. He decided to throw gas on a fire that was already burning. So now we have all this drama and division amongst players, teams, fans, and everyone else who has an opinion. Regardless of how you feel about this, what I want you to realize is that when you see division you are seeing the enemy at work.

Divide and Conquer, is and always has been, the motto, game plan, and primary weapon of hell and its agents. I believe this phrase has been written, framed, and hung on the walls in the offices and war room of demons. I also believe that the one word that terrifies these agents of hell more than any other is, Unity. The bible says in Matthew 12:25, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand." Satan has been creating divisions in families, churches, people groups, and nations since the very beginning. He created division in heaven when he rebelled against Almighty God, taking one third of the angels with him when he was removed. He created division between Adam and Eve as a couple and then created division between the first couple and the Lord when they ate the fruit that was forbidden, plunging all mankind into sin and a broken relationship with God the Father. Division was created between Cain and Abel that resulted in anger, jealousy, hatred, and death. And that is just the first few chapters of the first of 66 books in the Bible.

Satan uses this tool with great success amongst us. Every nation in the world today has divisions, divisions that come in many different forms. Racism, gender inequality, political differences,

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Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT)

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

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nationality, economics, religion, music, and the list goes on and on and on. Satan can even create great division over kneeling and standing....He is good at what he does and he does it because the people of the world don't realize they are being played for a fool. This is a problem that is found in every corner of the world because the goal of hell is to keep the people of earth from realizing they have a Savior that loves them and died to save them. So, satan keeps things stirred up, he keeps hate, envy, jealousy, war, racism, equality, economic status, nationality, family dynamics, or whatever else he can use alive and fertile ground for division. Whenever you find division it is usually accompanied by lies because that is really all the demonic forces have to work with and it looks like that is all they need to keep a world in chaos and darkness. Remember your Armor.....Eph. 6: 10-13, ¹⁰ "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,[c] against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Have a great month!
Pastor David Kennedy

P.S. starting on Oct. 8th we will be doing a series on Eschatology, which is the study of the end times....check out this verse and tell me if you think it just might relate to the events in question!!

Matthew 24:3-14 ³"Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all[a] these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences,[b] and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows. ⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."



Honor God!

by Pastor James George

How do we do that? As I was studying the word "honor" in my morning devotional I came across this verse in Revelation. "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power."

My first thought was that I know He is worthy, but what is my part? How do I personally give glory and honor to my Lord and Savior? Someone wrote these comments on the verse in "Got Questions".

Quote: "GLORY is a quality inherent in the one being glorified. Glory can be thought of as a mirror that accurately reflects what is there. HONOR originates in our hearts and refers to the value we PERSONALLY place on something or someone. When we honor God, we are demonstrating the high regard we have for Him. We are reflecting His glory back as praise and worship. It is not enough to merely honor Him outwardly. God desires honor that comes from our hearts. "The Lord says, "These people came near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Isa. 29:13). When we delight in the Lord (Psalm 37:4), seek Him in everything we do (I Chronicles 16:11; Isaiah 55:6), and MAKE CHOICES that REFLECT the place He has in our hearts, we bring Him the greatest honor."

Honoring HIM is not just a trip to church on Sunday or special occasions. It isn't simply making sure we read our daily devotional, help the poor, or treat others as we would like to be treated. It is not spending time in prayer or hanging scripture verses on the walls of our house. Honoring Him is what we are inside every moment of our life. There is no switch we turn on and off. Many times we do

good to try and offset the bad thinking things will balance when what we really need is a clean and honest heart before God. According to His Word, He is "faithful and just to forgive us of all unrighteousness." When that happens, when we come to a place where we see ourselves as God sees us, and we sincerely ask forgiveness, it is then that we have taken the first step toward honoring Him. We can't do much about changing yesterday or the days before. But, just as the sun came up this morning revealing a fresh, new, beautiful day, we are likewise given opportunity to begin clean and fresh before God. Jesus, wants to be Lord of our lives. Glorifying Him and Honoring Him with our life should be our HIGHEST AMBITION. Yes, He is worthy! We don't just honor Him on Sunday or special occasions. We honor Him by our heart felt love, dedication, and obedience to Him. Every day belongs to Him. We are His creation and we belong to Him. What father would not want the best for His child? What a joy to have a forgiving, loving, and understanding God who is always walking before us.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

"I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten," Joel 2:25a

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philipians 3:13-14



History of Samaritan's Purse

Taken from Samaritan's Purse website

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"Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God." Bob Pierce wrote these now-famous words in his Bible after visiting suffering children on the Korean island of Koje-do. This impassioned prayer is what guided him as he founded and led the ministry of Samaritan's Purse in 1970. His mission for this organization was "to meet emergency needs in crisis areas through existing evangelical mission agencies and national churches." After World War II, Bob Pierce traveled throughout Asia as an evangelist and journalist with Youth For Christ. While on a university lecturing circuit in China, he stumbled across some courageous women who were living among lepers and orphans, sacrificing everything to share the love of Jesus Christ. Through their selfless love, God

gave Pierce a vision for ministry. He dedicated himself to finding and supporting other such Christians who were caring for the poor and suffering in the distant corners of the world.

In the summer of 1973, Bob Pierce met his eventual successor, an adventurous young student named Franklin Graham with a growing heart for world missions. Intrigued by his many stories from the field, Franklin began to spend more and more time with the seasoned Christian statesman. In 1975, he accompanied Bob on a life-changing tour of some of the world's neediest mission fields. Franklin saw the poverty of pagan religions and the utter despair of the people they enslave. God had captured his heart for missions. Bob Pierce died of leukemia in 1978, and a little over a year later, Franklin Graham became the President and Chairman of the Board of Samaritan's Purse. Through over 30 years of earthquakes, hurricanes, wars, and famine, Franklin has led the ministry in following the Biblical example of the Good Samaritan all across the globe. God has blessed the organization under Franklin's leadership, and the ministry has seen explosive growth.

"Go and do likewise," Christ commanded after explaining the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. So we do. Samaritan's Purse travels the world's highways looking for victims along the way. We are quick to bandage the wounds we see, but like the Samaritan, we don't stop there. In addition to meeting immediate, emergency needs, we help these victims recover and get back on their feet.

No matter where we go or what we do, we offer more than help. We offer hope. To suffering people in a broken world, we share the news of the only One who can bring true peace-Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.



CF NEWS

Hello!! Fall is here!! One of my favorite seasons of the year. CF has some special events planned!!

November brings the **Operation Christmas Child** collection week, the 13th - 20th. You can contact Lorinda Krause for more details lorindakrause7@gmail.com

November 19th is the CF **Thanksgiving Feast** beginning at 6:00 pm

December 8th - 10th Xplode Student Ministries will have their **Winter Retreat**. More details to come.

December 10th will be the Annual CF Kidz **Christmas Program**

Upcoming Events

Supper Club
Friday, Oct. 20th
7:00 PM @ McAlisters
(Hwy 290/Spring Cypress Rd)

Titus Women
A group for any women
interested in growing in Christ
and mentoring others
Saturday, Oct. 7th
10 AM @ CF

Wingman's Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 7th
Beginning at 8:00 AM
@ Luby's

Wingman Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 19th
7 PM @ CF
Contact: Orrell Chatmon
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CF Grounds & Maintenance Day
Saturday, Oct 7th
10:30 @CF

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