

### **Day 3 Colossians 1 :6-8**

Lately I have taken to singing worship songs a bit differently. When I hear songs using the words. I, me, or mine, I change the words to we, us, and ours. Even if it doesn't rhyme.

It makes God seem bigger when we know He has one purpose for us all. There is unity to it. It makes our faith inclusive as with one voice we declare He is for us all. There is His power in it.

In the first 2 chapters in Colossians, we are given a glimpse into the power of the unity of a church relying on the true message of the gospel.

That gospel message is that we were not designed to attain righteousness ourselves, we were designed to depend on someone else's. That dependence, our righteousness is given to us from the Lord Jesus Christ. Belief in that makes us sons and daughters of God. It is gospel truth.

The Colossians were coming together under that dependence, and through that, the gospel message was growing corporately. Not just in their midst but throughout the world. The more we rely on and boast in Christ, the more His truth flourishes.

The gospel is something we can all agree on. It is the common ground of all who believe. It is the great equalizer. We were all brought salvation by the same Holy Spirit, through the same Christ, to the delight of the same Father. It took the same amount of grace to save each one of us. The gospel in each of us is a unique and incredible bond.

If we look around Home Church, we see that spiritual bond expressed in tangible ways.

Every third Sunday of the month we take time to serve our community, that bond is giving us relationships in our community that we could not accomplish on our own.

We also have seen this bond intertwine people's stories within our church. These bonds are reaching to the other side of the world for the gospel. That is the power of unity.

If we keep this focus, we will find this gospel bond of unity is our superpower for the church in showing the world our Savior. It's the best of all of us, Christ in us.

In John 17 Jesus had a passionate loving plea to the Father for the unity of believers not just then, but now. It is an account of the true heart of Jesus. It's a prayer worth reading in full, but here is part of it.

*John 17:19 NIV*

*And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy for your truth. I am praying not only for these disciples but for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray they will all be one, just as you and I are one- as you are in me, Father, and I am in You. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.*

Unity is an answer to a prayer of our Savior. We should realize it is a part of who He is. It is the testimony that will speak of a Savior's kindness to a world that is tired of trying to save itself. When we are together in that message, we will see amazing things among us. Even more!