

Day 24 Colossians 3:11-13

Most of us have been to a concert at a big venue for our favorite musical artist. When they start to belt out a beloved song and the audience joins in - well there is nothing quite like it. Sometimes the artist will stop the music and just let the crowd sing, we all love it.

If there is a concept in the Bible that has literally changed the world - it is the concept that is in these verses. And as the church, if we can put these concepts into practice and sing the refrain of this song together, the world will hear Christ's gospel song.

The concept is the equality of the message of Christ, the gospel. God sees us all the same, with the same needs. Regardless of where we live, what we look like, male or female. Despite our culture, or our politics - if we believe in Christ, we are one.

It doesn't matter if we're good or bad, if we're lame or blind, if we're sick or healthy, if we're free or if we are oppressed, or if we're poor or rich. We all need the same Jesus Christ. This concept gives us a unique advantage as the church.

The world is pained with the reality of privilege and inequality, but it doesn't have all the answers for it. If anyone has the ability to give hope into these things it is the church. And it starts with us giving that respect to one another.

We have seen through the gospel that Christ holds no favorites or differences from the need we all have - salvation. It is our common ground.

If we have a church that builds on this fundamental common ground, we will be unstoppable in getting out the message of the gospel. It is clear in this text and others that this unity ignites in us a superpower.

Jesus called it, "the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill and cannot be hidden."

Paul says we're all in Christ because He is all.

So - how do we pull this truth together to fully affect our churches.

We see that it takes knowing whose we are before we can accept each other. We have to 100% accept this in verse 12. The fact that we are God's chosen people.

This verse says that not only that we are chosen, but we are holy and dearly loved by God. This has been brought to us through Christ alone. This isn't in reference to just us personally, this represents the city on a hill. It takes many lights for a city to be seen. This is Jesus's dream.

As we understand this bigger picture, we need to be careful what we say about other people. If God has chosen someone, called them holy, and dearly loves them - and we call them something different- well I think He might take that personally.

We have to dive deep into our own salvation to trust God to bring us unity. We have to believe he is working in us and in those who've yet to know Him.

God has clothed us in everything that he asks us to wear in His name. Let us wear these things well as we see each other through His eyes. Let it be a sound the world can hear.