

# Get It Together, Church! (Pursue Peace & Unity!)

**Romans 14:1-9**

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*"I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life." (Philippians 4:2-3; NKJ)*

*"Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. ...." (Romans 14:1-9; NKJ)*

## **I. Prioritize God's \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ among His \_\_\_\_\_!**

### **A. \_\_\_\_\_ Peace! This is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to you!**

*"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another." (v 19)*

*"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:1-5; NKJ)*

*Be eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness of [and produced by] the Spirit in the binding power of peace." (v2, AMP)*

### **B. \_\_\_\_\_ are peace and unity in the \_\_\_\_\_ so important?**

#### **1. Peace is \_\_\_\_\_ for His people!**

*"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in*

*Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." (John 17:20-23; NKJ)*

#### **2. Peace reflects the very \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### **3. Peace marks us as the \_\_\_\_\_!**

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9; NKJ)*

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35; NKJ)*

#### **4. Peace was \_\_\_\_\_ for us at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near." (Ephesians 14-17; NKJ)*

#### **5. Peace is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to us!**

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity...." (Psalm 133:1-3; NKJ)*

#### **6. Peace enables the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" (Isaiah 52:6-8; NKJ)*