

Harmony based on Humility

The purpose of the letter written by Paul to the church of Philippi was to exhort them to work together in harmony. When there is more than one voice in the church, harmony is a must, or the outcome will be disastrous.

Paul said, "If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose" (Phil. 2:1,2).

Paul was saying, "In view of the fact" there was encouragement in Christ, consolation of love, fellowship of the Spirit, affection and compassion, "be of one mind, one love, united, and intent on one purpose." IN VIEW OF THE FACTS, we can be in harmony. Discord is of the devil and not from God. It is time the believers awaken to their responsibility of maintaining the peace and promoting the in-dwelling harmony of deity (Holy Spirit) within the physical periphery of the church.

Unity in our relationships must be contended for with perseverance! Unity within our Full Gospel Fellowship must be contended for on the same basis. Harmony does not come automatic, because it is not based on the flesh, but in the Spirit. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, clearly identified their problem: "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men" (1 Cor. 3:1-3)? Paul drew a graphic picture of their miserable position: "BABIES DRINKING MILK!" How did he know? Because they were jealous and fighting one another.

The vision of the Full Gospel Fellowship is to encourage ministers and churches to come together in the Holy Spirit, worship in harmony with one another, and hear the voice of God through His prophets and teachers. The hour of "battle-ship" meetings is over. God's "TOLERANCE FOR TODDLERS" is short! The ranks of His mighty army must come to attention and submit to His commands.

Peace in God's holy mountain is not for another generation or era. Personalities in the kingdom of God must learn how to harmonize together right now! The "WOLF" personality must learn how to accept the "LAMB" personality; the "LEOPARD" personality must team up with the "BABY GOAT" personality; the "YOUNG LION" personality must fellowship with the "calf" personality; and the "COW" personality must learn to work with the "BEAR" personality!

Also the "LION" personality must learn to appreciate the same food as the "OX" personality. You say impossible! God said, "They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9). This prophecy is for the church now, not for some time in the future.

Harmony in the Full Gospel Fellowship must be based on HUMILITY! A continual harmony cannot be based on anything other than the premise of humility. Humility is when a person is flowing at their lowest ebb. Ambition at the expense of another has ceased. Pride to exalt oneself over another has stopped. Contention has given way to appreciation. "STRIVING TOGETHER" has replaced "STRIVING AGAINST ONE ANOTHER".

Is this fantasy? No! It is a reality to be proclaimed based on the prayer of Jesus Christ (St. Jn. 17). The Holy Spirit is the tolerance of God between all the moving parts of the body of Christ. Tolerance is that minute distance between moving parts that controls the level of friction. Oil is a natural lubricating substance commonly used between moving parts made from metal, on the other hand, the Holy Spirit lubricates between the moving parts of the body of Christ. On that basis, **FELLOWSHIP IS POSSIBLE**, even among imperfect people.

Harmony based on humility, responsibly accepting diverse personalities as from the Lord, and administering the lubrication of the Holy Spirit, makes possible the **VISION OF THE FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP**.

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