

## Church Matters: Divisions

### Fail to Follow

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>1</sup> Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

#### 1 Corinthians 4

<sup>16</sup> Wherefore I beseech you, be ye **followers of me**.

#### Ephesians 5

<sup>1</sup> Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

#### 1 Thessalonians 1

<sup>6</sup> And ye became **followers of us**, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.

#### Hebrews 6

<sup>11</sup> And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

<sup>12</sup> That ye **be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

<sup>13</sup> For when **God made promise** to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

<sup>14</sup> Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

<sup>15</sup> And so, after he had **patiently endured**, he **obtained the promise**.

#### 1 Peter 3

<sup>13</sup> And **who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?**

### Fail to Keep the Ordinance

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>2</sup> Now I praise you, brethren, that ye **remember me** in all things, and **keep the ordinances**, as I delivered them to you.

#### Ezekiel 11

<sup>19</sup> And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

<sup>20</sup> That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

<sup>21</sup> But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD

#### Colossians 2

<sup>13</sup> And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

<sup>14</sup> Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

<sup>15</sup> And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

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### Fail to be in Orderly Submission

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>3</sup> But I would have you know, that **the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.**

#### 1 Timothy 2

<sup>8</sup> I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

<sup>9</sup> In like manner also, that **women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;**

Sobriety – NT:4997 σωφροσύνη **sophrosune** (so-fros-oo'-nay); from NT:4998;  
soundness of mind, i.e. (literally) sanity or (figuratively) self-control:

**KJV** - soberness, sobriety.

<sup>10</sup> But (which **becometh women professing godliness**) with **good works.**

<sup>11</sup> Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

<sup>12</sup> **But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.**

#### Proverbs 31

<sup>3</sup> Give not thy strength unto **women**, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

<sup>13</sup> For **Adam was first formed, then Eve.**

<sup>14</sup> And **Adam was not deceived**, but the **woman being deceived was in the transgression.**

<sup>15</sup> Notwithstanding she shall be **saved in childbearing**, if they **continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.**

#### ...a man uncovered

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>4</sup> Every man praying or prophesying, having his head **covered**, dishonoureth his head.

#### ...a woman uncovered

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>5</sup> But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head **uncovered** dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

#### Genesis 24 ...Rebecca

<sup>65</sup> For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she **took a vail, and covered herself.**

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>6</sup> For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>13</sup> **Judge in yourselves:** is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

<sup>14</sup> Doth not even **nature itself teach** you, that, if **a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?**

<sup>15</sup> But if a **woman have long hair**, it is a **glory to her:** for her **hair is given her for a covering.**

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### Fail to Agree of One

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>16</sup> But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Contentious – [NT:5380](#) φιλόνηικος **philoneikos** (fil-on'-i-kos); from [NT:5384](#) and neikos (a quarrel; probably akin to [NT:3534](#)); fond of strife, i.e. disputatious:

**KJV** - contentious.

#### Philippians 2

<sup>2</sup> Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

One accord – [NT:4861](#) σύμψυχος **sumpsuchos** (soom'-psoo-khos); from [NT:4862](#) and [NT:5590](#); co-spirited, i.e. similar in sentiment: **KJV** - like-minded.

One mind – [NT:5426](#) φρονέω **phroneo** (fron-eh'-o); from [NT:5424](#); to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience):

**KJV** - set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think.

#### 1 Peter 3

<sup>8</sup> Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be **pitiful**, be **courteous**:

Compassion – [NT:4835](#) συμπαθής **sumpathes** (soom-path-ace'); from [NT:4841](#); having a fellow-feeling ("sympathetic"), i.e. (by implication) mutually commiserative: **KJV** - having compassion one of another.

Courteous – [NT:5012a](#) ταπεινόφρων **tapeinophron** (tap-i-no'-frohn); related to [NT:5013](#); found only in [1 Peter 3:8](#); the Textus Receptus has philophrones (See [NT:5391](#)): humble, humble-minded.

<sup>9</sup> **Not rendering evil for evil**, or **railing for railing**; **but contrariwise blessing**; knowing that ye are thereunto **called**, that ye should inherit a blessing.

#### Philippians 1

<sup>27</sup> Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

#### Amos 3

<sup>3</sup> Can two walk together, except they be **agreed**?

#### Romans 2

<sup>8</sup> But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

Contentious – [NT:2052](#) ἐριθεία **eritheia** (er-ith-i'-ah); perhaps as the same as [NT:2042](#); properly, intrigue, i.e. (by implication) faction:

**KJV** - contention (-ious), strife.

<sup>9</sup> Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

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### Failure to seek the Glory of God

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>7</sup> For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as **he is the image and glory of God**: but the woman is the glory of the man.

#### Proverbs 31

<sup>10</sup> Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.  
<sup>11</sup> The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.  
<sup>12</sup> She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.  
<sup>13</sup> She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.  
<sup>14</sup> She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.  
<sup>15</sup> She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.  
<sup>16</sup> She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.  
<sup>17</sup> She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.  
<sup>18</sup> She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.  
<sup>19</sup> She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.  
<sup>20</sup> She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.  
<sup>21</sup> She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.  
<sup>22</sup> She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.  
<sup>23</sup> Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.  
<sup>24</sup> She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.  
<sup>25</sup> Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.  
<sup>26</sup> She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.  
<sup>27</sup> She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.  
<sup>28</sup> Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.  
<sup>29</sup> Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.  
<sup>30</sup> Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.  
<sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

#### Romans 2

<sup>7</sup> To them who by patient continuance in well doing **seek for glory** and honour and immortality, eternal life:

#### 1 Corinthians 3

<sup>20</sup> And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.  
<sup>21</sup> Therefore **let no man glory in men**. For all things are your's;

#### 1 Peter 1

<sup>24</sup> For **all flesh is as grass**, and all the **glory of man** [is] as the flower of grass. The grass withereth [desiccate; by implication to shrivel, to mature:], and the flower thereof falleth away [driven out of one's course]:

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### Failure to seek the Glory of God (*cont*)

#### 1 Corinthians 11 (*cont*)

<sup>7</sup>For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as **he is the image and glory of God**: but the woman is the glory of the man.

#### Jeremiah 9

<sup>22</sup>Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

<sup>23</sup>Thus saith the LORD, **Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:**

<sup>24</sup>But **let him that glorieth glory in this**, that he **understandeth and knoweth me**, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: **for in these things I delight**, saith the LORD.

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### Failure to live Naturally according to God

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>8</sup> For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man.

#### Genesis 2

<sup>19</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

<sup>20</sup> And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but **for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.**

Meet – OT:5048 **נֶגֶד** **neged** (neh'-ghed); from OT:5046; a front, i.e. part opposite; specifically a counterpart, or mate; usually (adverbial, especially with preposition) over against or before:

**KJV** - about, (over) against, <sup>x</sup> aloof, <sup>x</sup> far (off), <sup>x</sup> from, over, presence, <sup>x</sup> other side, sight, <sup>x</sup> to view.

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>9</sup> **Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman [was created] for the man.**

#### Genesis 2

<sup>21</sup> And **the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;**

<sup>22</sup> And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, **made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.**

<sup>23</sup> And Adam said, **This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**

<sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a **man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**

<sup>25</sup> And **they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.**

#### Isaiah 3

<sup>11</sup> **Woe unto the wicked!** it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

<sup>12</sup> **As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.**

<sup>13</sup> **The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.**

*If men won't stand up to lead, God will raise up a Prophetess*

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### Failure to live Naturally according to God (*cont*)

#### Genesis 3

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

<sup>16</sup> Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

<sup>17</sup> And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast **hearkened unto the voice of thy wife**, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;**

<sup>18</sup> **Thorns also and thistles** shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt **eat the herb of the field;**

<sup>19</sup> In the **sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread**, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: **for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

<sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife's name **Eve**; because she was the **mother of all living.**

#### Romans 1

<sup>25</sup> Who **changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this cause **God gave them up unto vile affections**: for even their **women did change the natural use into that which is against nature**:

<sup>27</sup> And **likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another**; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>10</sup> For this cause **ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.**

#### Job 2

<sup>9</sup> Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

<sup>10</sup> But he said unto her, Thou **speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh**. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

#### 1 Peter 1

<sup>10</sup> Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

<sup>11</sup> Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

<sup>12</sup> Unto whom it was **revealed**, that not unto themselves, but **unto us** they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

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### Failure to live Naturally according to God (*cont*)

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>11</sup> Nevertheless **neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.**

#### Ephesians 5

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> For the **husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.**

<sup>24</sup> Therefore as **the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.**

#### 1 Peter 3

<sup>1</sup> Likewise, ye **wives, be in subjection to your own husbands;** that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

<sup>2</sup> While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

<sup>3</sup> Whose **adorning let it not be that outward adorning** of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

<sup>4</sup> But **let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.**

<sup>5</sup> For **after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:**

<sup>6</sup> Even as **Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord:** whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

<sup>7</sup> Likewise, ye **husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.**

<sup>8</sup> Finally, **be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:**

<sup>9</sup> **Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing;** knowing that ye are thereunto **called**, that ye should inherit a blessing.

#### Ephesians 5

<sup>32</sup> This is a **great mystery:** but I speak concerning **Christ and the church.**

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#### Presbyterian leaders approve gay clergy policy

Leaders of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which has more than 2 million members, voted Thursday to allow non-celibate gays in committed relationships to serve as clergy, approving the first of two policy changes that could make their church one of the most gay-friendly major Christian denominations in the United States. Delegates voted during the church's general assembly in Minneapolis, with 53 percent approving the more liberal policy on gay clergy. A separate vote is expected on whether to change the church's definition of marriage from between "a man and a woman" to between "two people." The changes will then need to be approved by a majority of the church's 173 U.S. presbyteries. Last year, 94 of the presbyteries voted against a change in the policy.

Under current church policy, Presbyterians are eligible to become clergy, deacons or elders only if they are married or celibate. The new policy would strike references to sexuality altogether in favor of candidates committed to "joyful submission to worship of Christ."



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### Failure to Avoid Confusion

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>12</sup> For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

#### 1 Timothy 5

<sup>9</sup> Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man.

<sup>10</sup> Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

<sup>11</sup> But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

<sup>12</sup> Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

<sup>13</sup> And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

#### Isaiah 32

<sup>11</sup> Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

#### 1 Timothy 5

<sup>14</sup> I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

<sup>15</sup> For some are already turned aside after Satan.

#### 1 Timothy 5

<sup>1</sup> Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

<sup>2</sup> The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

<sup>3</sup> Honour widows that are widows indeed.

#### Titus 2

<sup>3</sup> The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

<sup>4</sup> That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

<sup>5</sup> To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

#### 1 Corinthians 14

<sup>33</sup> For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

<sup>34</sup> Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.

<sup>35</sup> And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

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### Failure to Avoid Confusion (*cont*)

#### 1 Corinthians 11 (*cont*)

<sup>12</sup>For as the **woman is of the man**, even so is **the man also by the woman**; but **all things of God**.

#### Philippians 4

<sup>2</sup>I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those **women which laboured with me in the gospel**, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, **whose names are in the book of life**.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

### Failure to Edify

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>17</sup>Now in this that I declare unto you **I praise you not**, that [*because*] ye **come together not for the better, but [you come together] for the worse**.

#### 1 Corinthians 14

<sup>23</sup>If therefore the **whole church be come together into one place**, and all **speak with tongues**, and **there come in those that are unlearned**, or **unbelievers**, will they not say that ye are mad?

#### 1 Corinthians 14

<sup>26</sup>How is it then, brethren? **when ye come together**, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. **Let all things be done unto edifying**.

## Church Matters: Divisions

### Failure to Avoid Divisions

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>18</sup> For first of all, when ye come together in the church, **I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.**

Divisions – NT:4978.σχίσμα **schisma** (skhis'-mah); from NT:4977; a split or gap ("schism"), literally or figuratively: **KJV** - division, rent, schism.

#### 1 Corinthians 1

<sup>10</sup> Now **I beseech you**, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all **speak the same thing**, and that there be **no divisions among you**; but that ye **be perfectly joined together** in the **same mind** and in the **same judgment**.

#### 1 Corinthians 3

<sup>2</sup> I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

<sup>3</sup> For ye **are yet carnal**: for whereas there is among you **envying**, and **strife**, and **divisions**, are ye not carnal, and **walk as men**?

#### Matthew 10

<sup>34</sup> **Think not that I am come to send peace** on earth: **I came not to send peace, but a sword.**

#### Luke 12

<sup>51</sup> Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather **division**:

<sup>52</sup> For from henceforth there shall be **five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.**

<sup>53</sup> The **father shall be divided against the son**, and the **son against the father**; the **mother against the daughter**, and the **daughter against the mother**; the **mother in law against her daughter in law**, and the **daughter in law against her mother in law**.

#### John 7

<sup>43</sup> So there was a **division among the people because of Him**.

<sup>44</sup> And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

#### John 10

<sup>17</sup> Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

<sup>18</sup> No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

<sup>19</sup> **There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.**

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### Failure to Avoid Divisions (*cont*)

#### 1 Corinthians 11 (*cont*)

<sup>18</sup>For first of all, when ye come together in the church, **I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.**

#### Romans 16

<sup>16</sup>Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

<sup>17</sup>Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**

<sup>18</sup>For **they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

#### Philippians 3

<sup>17</sup>Brethren, **be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.**

#### Hebrews 12

<sup>14</sup>**Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:**

#### Isaiah 48

<sup>22</sup>**There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.**

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### Failure to Maintain Doctrine (Heresy)

#### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>19</sup> For there must be also **heresies among you**, that they which are **approved may be made manifest** among you.

#### Galatians 5 ...follow the flesh

<sup>19</sup> Now the **works of the flesh are manifest**, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

<sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, **heresies**,

<sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they **which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God**.

#### 2 Peter 2 ...follow false doctrine

<sup>1</sup> But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who **privily shall bring in damnable heresies**, even **denying the Lord that bought them**, and **bring upon themselves swift destruction**.

#### Matthew 24 ...false prophets

<sup>11</sup> And many **false prophets** shall rise, and shall deceive many.

#### Matthew 24 ...false Christs

<sup>24</sup> For there shall arise **false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

#### 1 John 4 ...therefore we try the spirits

<sup>1</sup> Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are **of God**: because **many false prophets are gone out into the world**.

#### 1 John 2 ...last days

<sup>18</sup> Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist** shall come, even now are there many **antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.

#### 1 John 2 ...who is antichrist

<sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist**, that denieth the Father and the Son.

#### 1 John 4 ...already in the world

<sup>3</sup> And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of **antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

#### 2 John 1 ...many deceivers

<sup>7</sup> For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an **antichrist**.

## Church Matters: Divisions

### Failure to Maintain Doctrine (Heresy) (*cont*)

#### 1 Corinthians 11 (*cont*)

<sup>19</sup> For there must be also **heresies among you**, that they which are **approved may be made manifest** among you.

#### 2 Peter 2

<sup>2</sup> And many shall follow their **pernicious ways**; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be **evil spoken of**.

<sup>3</sup> And through **covetousness** shall they with **feigned words make merchandise of you**: whose **judgment now of a long time lingereth not**, and **their damnation slumbereth not**.

#### Psalm 63

<sup>11</sup> But the king shall rejoice in God; **every one that sweareth by him shall glory**: but the **mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped**.

#### Isaiah 59

<sup>1</sup> Behold, **the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save**; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

<sup>2</sup> But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God**, and your **sins have hid his face from you**, that **he will not hear**.

<sup>3</sup> For **your hands are defiled with blood**, and **your fingers with iniquity**; **your lips have spoken lies**, **your tongue hath muttered perverseness**.

<sup>4</sup> **None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth**: they **trust in vanity**, and **speak lies**; they **conceive mischief**, and **bring forth iniquity**.

#### Titus 3

<sup>9</sup> But **avoid foolish questions**, and **genealogies**, and **contentions**, and **strivings about the law**; for they are **unprofitable and vain**.

<sup>10</sup> A man that is **an heretick after the first and second admonition reject**;

#### Romans 16

<sup>17</sup> Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine** which ye have learned; and **avoid them**.

<sup>18</sup> For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches **deceive the hearts of the simple**.

<sup>11</sup> Knowing that **he that is such is subverted**, and **sinneth**, being **condemned of himself**.

**Separate or be separated...**

#### Luke 6

<sup>22</sup> **Blessed are ye**, when men shall **hate you**, and when **they shall separate you from their company**, and shall **reproach you**, and **cast out your name as evil**, for the Son of man's sake.

<sup>23</sup> **Rejoice ye in that day**, and **leap for joy**: for, behold, **your reward is great in heaven**: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

#### 2 Corinthians 6

<sup>17</sup> Wherefore **come out from among them**, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and **I will receive you**.

## Church Matters: Divisions

### Failure to Maintain Doctrine (Heresy) (*cont*)

#### 1 Corinthians 11 (*cont*)

<sup>19</sup> For there must be also **heresies among you**, that they which are **approved may be made manifest** among you.

#### 2 Peter 2

<sup>1</sup> But there were **false prophets also among the people**, even as **there shall be false teachers among you**, who privily shall **bring in damnable heresies**, even **denying the Lord** that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

<sup>2</sup> And **many shall follow their pernicious ways**; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

Pernicious ways – [NT:766](#) ἄσελγεια **aselgeia** (as-elg'-i-a); from a compound of [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a presumed **selges** (of uncertain derivation, but apparently meaning continent); licentiousness (sometimes including other vices): **KJV** - filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.

<sup>3</sup> And through **covetousness** shall they with **feigned words** make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

<sup>4</sup> For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

<sup>5</sup> And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

<sup>6</sup> And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

<sup>7</sup> And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

<sup>8</sup> (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

<sup>9</sup> The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished:

#### Acts 24 The heretics will call us heretics...

<sup>13</sup> Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

<sup>14</sup> But this **I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:**

<sup>15</sup> And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

~So we Follow Christ, the head of the Church and body of Christ

~Keeping the Ordinances and remaining in order and in submission to God

~Putting on the One mind of Christ and agreeing together in the truth of His Word

~Maintaining the unity of the saints in this natural world according to spiritual enlightenment

~Thereby, we avoid confusion by edifying one another according to all the Holy Scriptures as we are taught by the Holy Spirit...

~Thus we avoid Divisions and there is no heresy among the saints...

~...and though the world judges the way we think to be heresy, so we shall worship God holding fast the things they consider heresy: we shall believe in the words written in the law and the prophets!