

PUT POLARIZATION IN PERSPECTIVE



There is an observation using the letter “P” that seems to be a fair summation of the major issues faced in this world today: Population, poverty, pollution, pride, permissiveness, promiscuity, and polarization. Polarization (a division into sharply contrasting groups or sets of opinions or beliefs) has a destructive force, even among believers in Christ. How sad in a relationship when this problem arises. Let us strive to live, love, work and worship together in the most joyful and harmonious way (see John 13:35).

What deed caused the magicians of Pharaoh to say “This is the finger of God”? Who performed the actual deed?

A congregation may not have everything it needs—or thinks it needs—money, buildings, equipment, abilities. Yet, one thing it cannot do without is the work of sharing the gospel with kindness. This has to do with mutual effort: “For we are God’s fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9). It has to do with the spirit of Christian personality and character. “Give diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...” (Ephesians 4:3). “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another...” (Romans 12:10).

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.
(Jude 1:24-25 NKJV)

Christians of varied backgrounds and personal interests have in common something that far outweighs any differences—their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and their commitment to Him and His Word. Some differences are economic, educational, cultural, social, racial, national, and political.

There is a call for unity! Please read Ephesians 4:1-6 before proceeding. Thanks. Do you and I faithfully preach and teach the Word of God? The time and energy we spend are not wasted. Giving ourselves to the crucial, critical, and conclusive matters of life will be rewarded. Discipline, over time and with effort, by laboring and serving, striving and living in the way of Christ, we can emulate the true character of Christ (see Ephesians 4:15-16).

Christ was a “people person.” He left us His example to follow and a prayer to realize. “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” (John 17:20-21). Did you hear Jesus pray for you? Did you hear Him ask that we be “one?” Would the world believe in Jesus through the life you live?

Jesus did not live as a recluse. He did not distance Himself from society. He loved people—all people. It has been said that the best medicine for the attitude and behavior of “indifference” is love. And if that doesn’t work, then double the dose! Did Jesus interact with people who were “polarized” in their perceptions? Indeed He did. His example is for us to be people who learn, know, and teach the Bible. Please put into practice what you learn from the Word of God. Please put polarization in perspective...

To our valued visitors: *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few “family” announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord’s Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and gospel preaching from the Bible. Any response is up to you and will be kindly received. We are glad you decided to worship God with us on this first day of the week!

Birthday/Anniversary Lunch: 2nd Sunday of the month... YES, **October 14th!**

NMCCH: Zip Lock Bags (all sizes) & Fabric Softener Sheets (**10/19** pick up) Snacks & smelling good...yes!

Friday Bible Study: 7PM to 8PM yes, here every Friday... Lord willing!

FALL GOSPEL MEETING: at Tom Bean, Sunday thru Wednesday (**10/7-10**) “6 Qualities of God that help us know Him better” with Randy Gray.

* **FALL GOSPEL MEETING:** Here, Sunday thru Tuesday, (**10/14-16**) “UNITY” Jess Whitlock, please see our WEBSITE or flyer for times to attend. ***Please invite a friend!***