

“Finally, *be ye all of one mind*, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.” 1 Peter 3:8 KJV



For there to be agreement, there must be singleness of purpose and intent. History has proven that without purpose and leadership anarchy reigns and “every man doeth that which seemeth right in his own eyes.” Man is by instinct a follower. Most follow their own lusts and find them a cruel taskmaster, for lusts emanate from our flesh and “in our flesh dwelleth no good thing, for it is carnal, sold under sin.” Only those who have been made a “new creature in Christ” by virtue of repentance and faith in God’s Word, have another option than that of their own fleshly lust. Through faith we are presented a new and better way, the Word of God. We now choose which we follow, “sin unto death or righteousness unto life.” Through faith in Christ we are enabled to resist sin and choose righteousness “for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” Those who yield their obedience to God, find themselves of one mind and purpose. They “delight themselves also in the Lord” and find that He gives them the “desires of their heart.” Only a true believer has a conflict of choices every day. The unbeliever may seem to choose, but has only one master, self, and only the choice of which lust to pursue first. On the other hand, the true believer has been healed of blindness and can now see a more perfect way to choose. By allowing God’s Word and wisdom to dwell in us richly” through daily meditation and unceasing prayer, we have the power to overcome the deeds of the body, to “mortify the flesh,” or kill the desires that lead to separation from God who is our Life. Repentance is the forsaking of sin for righteousness, forsaking self for God, ergo, repentance IS obedience to God’s Word. It’s more than remorse; it is a literal leaving behind. Sin repeated, is not repented. If we are to “be of one mind,” we must all have “the mind of Christ.” That is; the mind of obedience to God’s Word. It is only then we have a singleness of purpose and intent regardless of personalities or methods. James very succinctly states, “From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?” Those with the “mind of Christ” will work together harmoniously to accomplish the same end; obedience to God’s Word. Those who rebel against God do so at their own peril, “for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” You must obey God to achieve immortality which can only be done through faith in God’s Word!

With singleness of mind and thought,
The faithful do just what they ought,
By faith they choose God’s righteousness,
And live a life of blessedness! -CGP

You may think you reject Truth by choice, but you are simply yielding to the lust that is your master. There will be much corroboration of your choice among others for “broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it.” If you feel safe following the crowd, take a lesson from livestock! They do it, “but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:3-5 KJV