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## Choose Unity

*By Bryan Trotter on April 2, 2021*

**TODAY'S READING:** 1 Corinthians 3

Let's try something out today. Finish these lyrics, "I'd like to buy the world a coke..." Now that song will be stuck in your head all day. You're welcome! The song was released in 1971 and became a cultural phenomenon landing on the Billboard Top 100. The message of the song marries the concept of unity and happiness while promoting Coca-Cola. It was a genius marketing campaign. Let's be honest, the purpose of the song was not about unity. It is about selling Coke products. If we remove the nostalgia and the catchy tune, no one is really being unified by Coca-Cola.

Division is all around us today. We see division in families, communities and across our nation. We are divided by religious beliefs, political affiliations, social systems, racial prejudices, etc. The things that divide us seem to be more than the things that unite us. Sadly, the church is not exempt from division either. Division has been a part of our story since the creation of mankind. There was division in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve ate the fruit. Their relationship was fractured with one another but more than that their relationship with God was broken. The result of division is broken relationships.

I have experienced families not speaking to one another for years, friendships that have been destroyed and churches that were torn apart. It breaks my heart. The world will never be unified. The world will never know peace. We will always have division. It is sad but it is the reality of a broken and sin scarred world. Division is not the way we were meant to live as Christ followers. God has a better way, and it is unity. He made a way for us to be reconciled to Himself through Jesus Christ so our sin would be forgiven and we would no longer be separated from Him. Jesus brings unity. If you are hurt by division from the past, begin to cry out to God to heal those wounds so you may remove the hurt and bitterness.

Start where you are today. Choose unity with your spouse and children. Choose unity with your family. Choose unity within the church. When we realize the benefits of unity (in our marriages, friendships, church, etc.) are greater than hurt of the past and the fringe agendas we cling to, we will pursue unity. Where will you start to choose unity today?

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

**MONDAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 4**

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