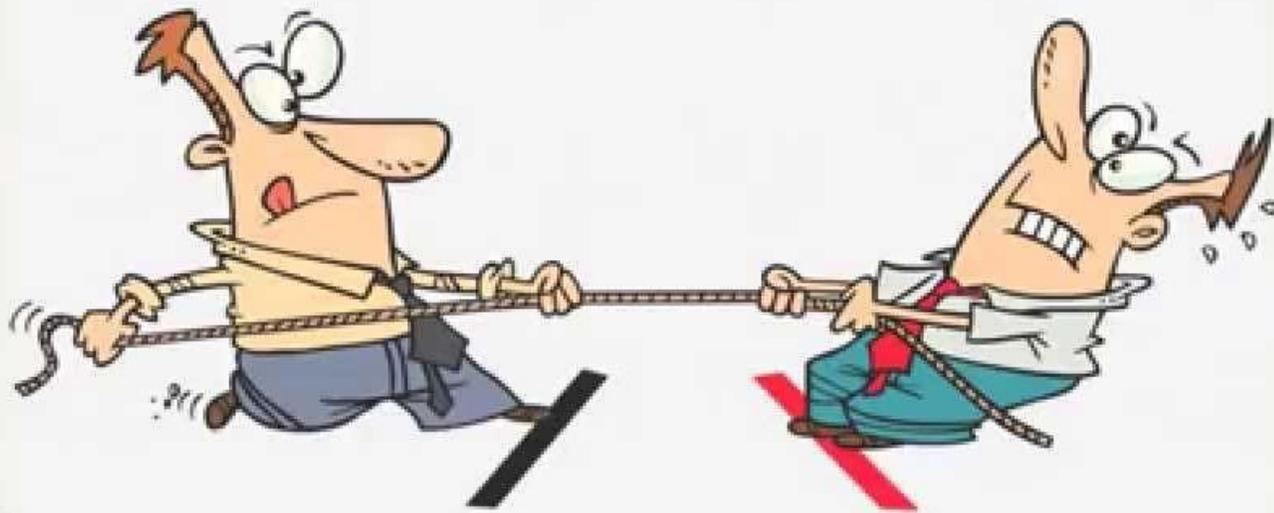


A Fork in the Road

DOCTRINE vs UNITY





From the beginning

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- ▶ 2Jn 1:9 Anyone who runs on ahead [of God] and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ [who is not content with what He taught] does not have God; but he who continues to live in the doctrine (teaching) of Christ [does have God], he has both the Father and the Son.
 - ▶ 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine [is disloyal to what Jesus Christ taught], do not receive him [do not accept him, do not welcome or admit him] into [your] house or bid him Godspeed or give him any encouragement.

- ▶ Jn 17: 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- ▶ 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- ▶ 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
- ▶ 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
- ▶ 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.
- ▶ 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

- ▶ [Eph 2:18](#) For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- ▶ [19](#) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- ▶ [20](#) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;
- ▶ [21](#) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- ▶ [22](#) In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

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- ▶ 1Cor 1:10 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.
 - ▶ 11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

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- ▶ 1Cor 1:1 Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ **through the will of God**, and Sosthenes *our*brother,
 - ▶ 2 Unto the **church** of God which is at Corinth, to them that are **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints**, with all that in every place **call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord**, both theirs and ours:

▶ **Ephesians 4**

- ▶ 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the **vocation** wherewith **ye are** called,
- ▶ 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- ▶ 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- ▶ 4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- ▶ 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- ▶ 6 One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.
- ▶ 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- ▶ 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- ▶ 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
- ▶ 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
- ▶ 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- ▶ 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- ▶ 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:



Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

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- ▶ Phil 1:14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
 - ▶ 15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
 - ▶ 16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
 - ▶ 17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.
 - ▶ 18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.



DOCTRINE & UNITY



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