

Faculty Class 6 of 6—Unity, Love One Another

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Turn to a familiar text in John, John 17:20-23 and John 13:34-35. John 17 of course is the Savior's prayer for his disciples in the shadow of Gethsemane 20th verse:

"Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe only through their word that they all may be one. As though father art in me and I in thee that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that though has sent me"

When will the world believe? When we are one, now notice what makes this possible. John 13:34-35, what is it? Love.

"A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another as I have loved you that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know ye are my disciples if he have love one to another"

So two verses are parallel supplement written, John 17 says the world will believe when we are one. John 13 says the world will know when we do what? Have love one to another. Unity is the fruit of love, love is the root, unity is the fruit.

Now there have been times in the history of the world when God has gotten his church very close to this. But the real demonstration is ahead, the early advent movement the 1844 movement was a beautiful demonstration of love. Going back to the time when Jesus was here and left his disciples, went back to heaven and they were in the Upper Room. On the day of Pentecost was fully come they were what? All with one accord in one place, Acts 2:1. And when they had reached that point what did heaven do? Poured out the Spirit.

When I think of the possibility just in the little group that are here tonight, If we could have the Spirit that came upon them that day what a glorious, glorious potential do you agree with me? And we say why not have it? Well why not. And really dear friends there's just one thing that stands in the way, you know what it is. *Volume 9*, 189 says:

“If we would humble ourselves before God and be kind and courteous, tender hearted and pitiful there would be 100 conversions to the truth where now there is only 1 but though professing to be converted it says both carry around a bottle of self. That they regard as altogether too precious to be given up. Says a desire of privilege to bring this burden to Jesus and lay it at his feet and the Savior is waiting to do this”

Many of you heard, have been through my class on Christian Administration, you’ve heard me say that when God made people individuals and then gave them the job of working together he posed the greatest problem of eternity. But that problem is going to be settled and resolved here in this world not after we get up above ‘thy kingdom come thy will be done in Earth as it is in heaven.’

And I don’t know friends, I can’t think of anything that I long for more than this. I long for it so much and it makes me feel so bad at times when I think how close we seem to be to it. And just because of human ideas, human opinions, human stubbornness, human cry we have to miss it, we have to wait. That’s what breaks the heart of Jesus. Those traits are exhibited among us not in trying to bring in Hollywood or Babylon into the campus, just simply contending for our individual opinion.

You remember that many years ago when James White was leading out in this movement that he was told by his wife ‘the Lord’s Messenger’ that there were some things that he saw differently from his brethren that he wasn’t to put in the front and make an issue of even if he was right. I fear some of us have not learnt that lesson. It is so easy to feel like Elijah, everybody around us has torn down the altars of the Lord and I even I am left and they seek my life to take it away. Did Elijah mean that? Yes he was sincere about it. I just said, the Lord said Elijah gave good cheer I have...700,000 percent better showing than you think.

You know pride is, pride is a hard thing to deal with. Is that where sin started? We’re still in the middle of sin isn’t it? The middle of pride isn’t it? Right in the middle, right in the middle. As mentioned last week just in passing, pride of dress, pride of appearance in one thing but pride of opinion is even more deeply rooted, much more subtle, much more subtle.

And the miracle of the ages is going to be when God gets this church, this denomination to the place where his parting prayer is fulfilled when we are all one, He and the Father are one. And take 144,000 people and you may make the number literal or symbolic as you wish. And by the way that 144,000 question is a very good example of how people have their pride and opinion. There are some people who actually think that people are almost heretics who don’t agree with their particular interpretation of the 144,000. Plenty of them here and there in the movement, I don’t know whether there is anyone like that on this campus. If there is I hope they’ll be converted. But my point is this take the

144,000, that wonderful group of people, how can it be that God can bring them all to the place where they are one heart and one mind. Where they are as perfectly united here on earth as the Angels of heaven are around the throne, is that what's going happen? Do you believe that? I believe that with all my heart, I don't expect on tiny bit less than that, not on tiny bit less.

Now, going back to the early church you remember there, I'm not trying to turn to a lot of references because you folks are acquainted with your bibles. Just think there Acts 2 after that period of intercession prayer and heart searching and heart humbling they were what? All with one accord and one place and the spirit of God was poured out in mighty power. Now things began to happen, how many people converted in chapter 2 of Acts. Let's turn there in your bible and look at a few things. How many the day of Pentecost? Well maybe we do need to look at our bibles. 3,000 where is that? Verse 41, alright now you notice the closing verses of the chapter 'there were wonders and signs' verse 43, verse 44 they were together, they had all things common. Whoever had needs they were met by those that had were with to meet the needs. And every day people were coming being added to the church verse 47. Just think baptisms everyday isn't that wonderful? Ever gonna happen again, sure oh yes.

Chapter 3 the cripple is healed and notice it wasn't done because the leaders of the church were full of money. Peter and John what they say to the cripple? 'Silver and Gold have I none except...' except that \$50,000 stowed away. Is that it? Don't misunderstand me there's nothing wrong with workers having little money bag for a rainy day but my point is this Peter and John didn't have any they had what? None. But they had something else, what they have? They had the power of the Spirit such I have give I live.

Now some look forward to the time when Wildwood can pay its faculty and workers more than it does today. I'm not ashamed to be number among those, look forward to that time if God so will. But I tell you folks I'd rather have this [Congregation: Amen] I wouldn't weigh off, yes. I'd rather have miracles than all the great societies' well chapter 4. The Devil got stirred up and he'll get stirred up when we get rid of self and sin and pride achieve this unity and love for which Jesus prayed. Pretty soon they were thrown in jail but what the Angel do? Came to let them out, set them back to work. They came and reported to the workers. You suppose someday we're going to have a final meeting like this and some of our workers will be in jail? A wonderful thing if the Angel would let them out and they come and join us while we were up here having a meeting wouldn't it? Yes.

Now notice verse 32:

“And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul. Neither said any of them that all of the things which he possessed was his own.”

One heart and one soul, now I want to tell you something friends if I don't have any money this program alright friends. You know why? Well I have everything to gain nothing to lose isn't that right? But I said that in order to say this, if I don't have any opinions this programs alright friends. You see what I mean? If I don't have any decided opinions of my own while in a program of unity that's alright. But the miracle of the unity of the early church was this, that those were men of decided minds, *strong* opinions, *deep* convictions. They were weak minded, weak spine'd people, were they? No. But they were one heart and of one soul. They had reached the point where two things were settled in their minds.

One was that they loved unity more than to get their own way and second they have had an abounding faith in the overall leadership of God they had no idea that like us it was their business to keep the Ark from falling off the cart so they kept in their place and let God run the movement. It's those two that we need dear today my dear friends. A love for unity which is greater than the love for our own opinion, that's number one and two an abounding faith in God's leadership. The fact that he's running the moves, he's running this denomination do you think his running anything at Wildwood? Well if he isn't friends I want to leave I was going to say tomorrow I'd be willing to go tonight if I could arrange an honorable withdrawal. If God is not leading here let me off, just let me off what do you say? But if he is friends we need to have a wholesome and healthy respect for his leadership and we need to be careful that we don't upset the work of God by our zeal not according to knowledge. We need to have a calm faith in his guide.

Well chapter 5 now comes chapter 6, verse 1 what do you see? Watch in that third line the first verse. There are rows of what? Murmuring. Where did it arrive? [Audience member answers 'From the Greek Hebrew'] Yeah but where was all this? In the church, this church, this church that God had made a demonstration of unity right there in the church, right there in the church arose this murmuring. Interestingly enough it arose over the food question, it might be have some significance might have a lot of significance. It's amazing how happy people can be to endure a lot of hard work if they can just get what they want to eat when they want it. It's surprising how easily self comes out if I can't get quite what I want to eat when I want, cooked the way I want.

Those who deal with some of the administrative problems on this place could take an hour now to give you case history, examine. And we need to study the diet question dear friends, but I tell you there's something deeper than the diet question. The kingdom

for the kingdom of God is not meat and drink but what? Well let's turn to Romans 14 and find out.

"God is not meat and drink but righteousness and peace..."

Is it? Righteousness and peace and joy in Holy place. Is peace important? Is it important to help? Could it be as important to health as the diet question? Could it be more so in some case? Are there tables so torn with dissension or else were they an unspoken tension deep down right over the diet question if the people that sit at the table don't get the good out of the food. I heard Doctor Mervin Hardy of Loma Linda and he's one of the most reformatory men in the denomination, thank the Lord he's got good sense and valor, love. I heard him at a large convention at Madison, raised this point, made this comment.

He said what has adopting health reform done for you, he said if you used to live on white bread and now you eat whole-wheat bread all the time has it made you easier to live with or harder. Are you easier to get along with now or harder to get along? And if the memories of your family or those who know you best find that you're harder to get along with now that you've accepted health reform than you were before do you need to re-examine something? That's right. And he smiled and said something like this in annoying ways that it would be better to go back to white bread. [Laughs]

Of course as I say the way he said it you understood that he wasn't trying to break down whole-wheat bread but he was trying to show that the great job of this movement with which health reform is part is to get the people ready for heaven. And if all we make is Pharisees' we won't be ready will we?

Now my dear friends listen, this is a class for faculty candidates. Remember if you're a teacher in this program whether you teach in the classroom or on the nursing service, in the diet kitchen, in the home, in the office. You are to somebody the face of Wildwood, that's right. How would like to be Mr. Wildwood or Mrs. Wildwood or Miss. Wildwood? Well that's what you will be to somebody if you're part of this faculty and don't forget it. You know that I thought about it on our phone. I thank the Lord for the nice people we have answering our phones I think of it more than once. Call log maybe at a distance or in town and of course when the telephone rings they don't know who's answering, I mean they don't know who's calling. And more than once I am reminded of how nice it is that we have a smiling voice answering the telephone from Wildwood Sanitarium and Wildwood Inc. Isn't that nice? And you can't get it with any mechanical device. There is something sweet and precious about the sound of a voice over the telephone that says in its tone 'we're here to serve you what can I do to help you'.

Now that same spirit and attitude of coerce must run and I think it does run quite generally *all* through the, in our departments in our home. I'll tell you frankly friends what

my great fear is, it's right on this question of being conscientious over little details of thinking we've got to reign people up and destroy the unity for which Jesus put.

I'm not afraid we're going to be bringing some ham sandwiches here even some stew chicken. That doesn't concern me I've never spent one hour in the night weeping or worried over that. But there's many a time friends that my heart is concerned and burdened as I long for this unity for which Jesus prayed that we just be willing to get interested in what God and this company think ought to be done instead our little personal petty interpretations. So I plead with you who are already faculty members tonight, plead with you who candidates for faculty membership remember friends when you accept any responsibility in this work. You should realize that you're chosen by God and elected by your brethren not to give your own your own opinions, to carry out your own ideas, to exhibit your own preferences, nothing of the kind.

All those are to be submerged and put away and if you're not big enough to do that then decline the office and the responsibility. You know in our churches out through the land there are men who would love to be Elder of the church why? Well then they can get a chance to speak, well what do they want to speak for? Well they've got some views on Melchizedek that they're just itching to give. And believe me if they're asked to speak you'll hear a sermon on Melchizedek, well you say why not isn't Melchizedek in the bible? Yes he's in the bible I'm sure things. About 35 years ago I heard one of our pioneer workers that time he was in the closing days of his life and as I think now of the WONDERFUL things that he could've told us. In some of the last meetings that I ever listened to and two things that he had on his mind, one was just exactly who Melchizedek was and the other who was the King of the North was. It was Turkey and Turkey had already come to its end and so Michael was about to stand up. Well that was 35 years ago and as I say that man could've given us from the wealth of his experience volumes of the most precious instruction but he had to settle us on Melchizedek and the King of the North. And so he put in the time to good effect.

I hope I learned some lessons out of this and I just say to you very, very frankly if any of you my dear brethren hear me present things that taste of the dish. This dish, Frazee I wish you'd come and tell me I'll thank you please bring your references with you or else ask me where my references. Just our human opinion as to what truth and what isn't it doesn't mean two cents what I think and what you think am I right. And this platform whether it's used in a church service in Friday night in the vesper service or any class or any meeting here this room my dear friends is too sacred and too important to be used to ventilate our personal opinions am I correct. It doesn't make any difference whether on the diet question, the dress question or any other question. I mentioned a while ago about this diet question, now we may think that what we do about the diet question that's a personal matter of course what I put into my mouth and into my stomach that's

a very personal matter isn't it? But I want to tell you something friends what I serve on my table is more than substantial it's very much more than...it's the face of Wildwood.

Well somebody says that I don't have a training home I just have my personal home and one reason I have it is so I can do as I please. Now wait a minute, I'll tell you the only way you can avoid it and think it through and see if I'm not correct and that is never to invite anybody home for dinner never to let a passing day and then when you're having your breakfast today. Because just as sure as a guest sits at your table and sees something queer, something unusual without a reference, he goes on his way and pretty soon we hear. Am I right? You can just be sure of it as you can be. Well you say after all I think I have the right, I think I have the right. This is a free contract, but there's going to be 144,000 people that are far more interested in the unity and love for which Jesus prayed than they are in their rights and opinions and ideas.

I've wondered sometimes as for the leaders for in the work of this time. Well you say sure I'm know what a leader is for. May I tell you what some of you think? You say well how can Brother Frazee read our mind? Well I'm going to venture and if any of you want to tell me whether I read them right. I know that this is true. Some of us think that the leader of the company is for the purpose of bringing other people into line with our opinion. That's it, that's it. I said to somebody not long ago that had a great burden for me to do something about a hobby that he was writing. I said Brother I'd like to ask you a question, you seem to think that my influence is so strong that could bring the company into line on this point that you're talking about. I said tell me would you be willing to listen to me on this point and I said if you're not willing to listen to me on this point how do you expect that I'll have magnetic influence to bring all the rest of the institution into line. Is that a good question, I think it's a *very* good question.

And whenever you feel that he leader of the institution the president of the faculty should do this and do this which involves getting the cooperation of 20,30,40,50 people stop and ask yourself just how far have I come in responding to leadership on point that I didn't see, you see what I mean. And after all friends leadership here is not especially needed in order to define the mark of the beast or to keep us in line on when to begin the Sabbath is it? Well if we need leadership in anything in helping or preserve unity it involves yielding to entreaty and appeal on points that we have our individual differences of opinion on. Is that right? Going to the thing that's truth.

Back to this diet question and I'm using it as an illustration as well as a reality. I've spoken on it even as our personal homes being as it were showing those that exhibit what Wildwood is. And don't forget that's what it is. One of our conference brethren he told me very frankly and I'm happy that he was able to give a good report he said you know a number of times I've just happened into Wildwood without telling anybody I was coming because I want to just see for myself what kind of movement was this. He'd

heard before so he came to see. Is that alright? Should we have met him at the gate and said Brother we need a week or two more then we'd be sure to send you to a certain home where we think things is safe.

Let me ask you something friends, I long for the time to come when as the leader of this institution I would feel perfectly free and perfectly safe about a visitor of that character happening in any day to any home on this place. I'm sorry to say I don't feel like that tonight. There are fads and fancies that from time to time consume the attention in Wildwood. Somebody comes along either invited or uninvited and then place their views on the diet question and some of our folks seem to be just over anxious to embrace anything that is real strict, real rigorous. Even if you are even tempted on that line or any of you have the slightest suspicion that people think you are may I urge you to read the chapter in *Diets and Foods* on extreme, extreme. And the servant of God plainly states there that there are some minds that are so constituted that they're ready to accept anything that bares the features of rigorous reform. Now I'll have to, I'll have to say to you friends that I know enough about the brain cells up here in this head to know that not for the goodness of God and the help of the Spirit of Prophecy and the help of the brethren that exactly what I would do. Those are my tending's and if I have kept anywhere the middle of the road it's because of the promptings of these books and because I've had brethren that from time to time. But I want to tell you something friends, if we can't stand the help of our brethren if we...and say well I will conquer it, I will conquer it. Then you close the door to heavens effectual means for bringing you in.

Now as I say here in the early church as near as they got to heaven their humanity came out. And there rose a murmuring from the Grecians and Hebrews. Interestingly enough as I said it's not only on the diet question but it was on the matter of whether they were all treated alike. That's another, that's another difficult thing, another difficult thing. I heard something not long ago that grieved me very much, nobody told me who said it and I'm so glad they did because I speak freely. Remember I don't know who said it but they said that if they didn't get where they wanted to live they were going to leave the place. I hope that was a falsehood thing and if anybody said that to me and I wouldn't care who it was. You know what I would say to them? I'll help you pack by brother or sister. I'll help you pack. I haven't but the slightest thought of bribing anybody friends to stay by offering them better quarters, a nicer house, more salary, better allowances, better conveniences. No friends, I never gotten that rich and I don't too much. And if any administrator up and down the line choosing to adopt that method maybe it's to balance my obscurity in the matter.

But personally I do everything I can to teach this faculty and every administrator that the WHOLE power in this program is in appealing to people blood for sacrifice and love for the work rather than offering to pad their...

Do you see what I mean friends? And if there is a soul here tonight that thinks that by murmuring of it or threatening of that or hinting of it that you can get more consideration, read this about the Grecians and the Hebrews back there. You might get more by murmuring, you might lose more too and you need to be converted my dear brothers and sisters that's what you *need* to be converted.

I'm so thankful I have the privilege of talking some of these things over heart to heart with this group of people. I want you to come in right friends, I want you come right into this program. I want you to understand where we are, where we are, we're not on a playground, we're on a battlefield. And foxholes don't always have beauty rest messages in them. They don't always serve hot soup every day at a certain time out there on the battlefield do they? It's wonderful to me how many conveniences the Lord does give his dear friends and I say thank God for every one of them, let's enjoy them while we have them. But let not one of them become an object of contention or something to strive for or something to worry about if we don't have it. We're going to Armageddon and then we're going home. And up there we'll have talk about conveniences and comfort were going to have them for a million, million, million years aren't we? So much so that we my, my it'll take eternity to enjoy them and the only chance we have to put self aside an sacrifice either our comforts or our opinions or our preferences. The only chance we'll ever have in all eternity is right now that's all, that's all.

I long for second... the little book 'Sons and Daughters of God' page 154.

"Those who are controlled by the Spirit of God are to keep those perceptive faculties away for the time has come when their integrity and loyalty to God and one another will be tested."

What's going to be tested? Our integrity and our loyalty to God and to one another it'll be what tested, it'll be tested. The very great things can be tested, you know read along and when you get to Acts 12 and you find that James was put in prison and Herod did what to him? Took his head off and Herod saw that pleased the Jews and so he did what? He took old Peter and put him in getting ready to kill him to and the church got busy did what? They prayed, they prayed day and night they loved Peter, they were an united group they prayed. What did God do and answer to their prayers? Sent the angel and let him out and he came, they were so excited they didn't even open the door but they finally let him in and told his story.

But I want to tell you something friends, you go a bit further over in the book of Acts seven years had gone by and the apostle Paul he's in prison. Any prayer meeting for him? No. In the old book '*Sketches from the life of Paul*' Sister White makes a most illuminated comment. She says:

“When Peter was put in prison the church prayed night and day for him. But no such intercession was entered into on behalf of the one looked upon as an apostate from Moses, an exponent of dangerous light. It was not to the elders who’s advice had led Paul into the situation that put him in prison. It wasn’t for them that Paul owed life but the warning of a relative”

I want you to get the picture friends those who were good men up there in Jerusalem. Some of them had been the apostles of the Lord but they never came to the place too long at a time when they loved Paul like they loved Peter do you know why? The very point was second to none, they had their own opinion, they had their own opinion. They weren’t willing to acknowledge the work God had called Paul to do and stand by him when the hard things came. When the opposition came, the criticism and so when Paul was put in prison, I don’t know that anybody said this but the picture is that the feeling among some of them was God’s providence has removed this problem from them.

And you say what’s this all got to do with us? I’ll tell you what it has to do with us. This says we’re going to be tested on our loyalty to God and one another. If we have the love and loyalty for God and for one another that God wants us to have as persecution comes it’ll draw us together. And we’ll be just like the buffalo out on the Western Plain in the days there when they were so many hundreds of thousands of them and some enemy like a wolf would come in to try to get one of the calf and the old bulls they get together in a great big circle and the cows and calves inside that and wherever that wolf came around he just saw those great big eyes and great shaggy head with horns. And they were just shoulder to shoulder all around and nothing the wolf could do. Brethren let’s get shoulder to shoulder. But unless we learn these lessons, be willing to put aside our opinions this is what’s going to happen. At the right time, Satan will come and God will allow it and take away somebody put him in prison, something like that. And if we haven’t learned this lesson in our hearts will be the thought ‘well it’s good enough for him he didn’t give me the difference in respect that I should have, he kind of stepped on my toes.’

Do you see what I’m getting at friends? We’ve got to get clear paths over individual differences of opinion. We’ve got to get so burdened about the work of God that we’ll get down and pray together if there are differences that are hurting the work. And not be content to sit it out or sweat it out, we need to pray about it. Pentecost is nearer than we think if we learn this lesson, it’s harder than we think if we don’t learn this lesson. And so I urge you dear faculty and perspective faculty remember you’re not your own, you’re not your own. God didn’t bring you here to ventilate your opinion, your idea. Nor the opinion or ideas of somebody else be brought to here to give the world of God. And remember the second point, you need the help of your brethren your fellow workers to keep from straying the interpretations of the work. Faddist applications of the Spirit of Prophecy, you need the help of your brother’s and sister’s. I know this campus pretty

well I've been here a long time. And it's amazing what people can get by with as I tell the students sometimes in orientation class. We have no policeman here and it's amazing what you can get by with if you insist. But I tell the students we assume that they're here for this not to engage in a game in the faculties with what they can get by with. Brother's and sister's I think we ought to be able to assume as a faculty we're here to;4 to help God and one another to get the job done, not to urge our personal opinions and ideas what do you say.

And that we are burdened enough about this work to pray together and counsel together. And that we will try in our worship, in our missionary work, at our tables, in our classes, in our departments, to create a balance view of Wildwood rather than a peculiar view of our individual personal peculiar attitude, what do you say? That's fundamental if we can learn to have lessons we can have a second Pentecost, second Pentecost.

Let we kneel and pray together, whoever would like to pray.

[A season of prayer follows]

So glad that here in this little upper room we can meet and learn some of the lessons that the disciples learned in that upper room 2,000 years ago. And we're poor weak men and women just like they were but we've seen a glorious vision just as they have. And we can't be satisfied with anything less than the second Pentecost. We have nothing of ourselves to boast about there is not one of us Lord that has a record that thou can vindicate but we have a Savior that though is longing to vindicate. And we chose to hide our deficiencies, our weakness, our failures, our selfishness in him. We choose to repudiate self, we know Lord that thy righteousness is going to lay the glory of man in the dust. And we're willing if we know our hearts, oh Lord come and move upon us, help us here are Wildwood. We pray that the Holy Spirit shall have His way for Christ's sake. Amen.

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