

We Are The Church
Part III
God's Truth More Than Our Opinion
Ephesians 4:11-13

Introduction

Review

The Master of the Church (Jesus)

The Mission of the Church (Matthew 28:18-20)

God's Plan More Than Our Plan

Master Plan of Leadership (Elders & Deacons)

Master Plan of Laity (Serve)

Today

God's Truth More Than Our Opinions

Unity: What stops unity?

I. What's wrong with opinions? (Romans 12:6)

- A. Don't be wise in your own opinions.
- B. We have opinions about everything.
- C. What about the belief of the majority?
- D. Opinions can blind one to the truth
- E. Man's opinions are inferior to God's truth

II. How to Handle Difference of Opinions in Church

- A. Is it a conviction or preference.
- B. Maintain a Christlike attitude (unity)
- C. Focus on core beliefs
- D. Seek understanding
- E. Use scripture as a guide
- F. Address issues privately
- G. Practice respectful dialogue
- H. Acknowledge common ground
- I. Seek leadership guidance
- J. Pray for unity
- K. Biblical Principles to Remember
Romans 12:18, Ephesians 4:2-3, 2 Tim. 2:23-24

Conclusion

Community among stronger and weaker brethren.

Sacrifice

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