

Undivided

Sunday Morning, September 13, 2015

Introduction:

Two Hearts...Stand Undivided!

I. Use the Truth of Jesus to Your Advantage! (Luke 11: 14 – 16)

14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

16 Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven.

- ✚ "Mute" demon cast out
- ✚ Uncommon, Rabbi's had to know their name.
- ✚ Therefore, Jesus revealed His power and deity.
- ✚ vss. 16 - they asked for another sign? Divided opinion.

Some are not satisfied with the truth of Jesus. People should use the truth of Jesus for salvation and the way of life!

II. Understand: What's Divided Cannot Stand (Luke 11: 17 – 20)

17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. *(more of passage on next page)*

19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Ex: Gregory's finger against hundreds of lady bugs

We were United With Christ when we accepted Him: (Romans 6: 5 – 7)

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Satan wants to break that united heart and mind with Christ thru sin, but we can live free from sin, because Christ has set us free.

A Prayer, A First Step to Maintaining that United Heart and Mind in Him/God:

(Psalm 86:11)

Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

Two Opposing Sides Cannot Work Together.
It Would Defeat Their Purpose.
They Could Not Stand.

We cannot choose to live by the power of God and choose to yield to Satan, as well. That would be disastrous!

III. Therefore, Choose Who You Will Stand United With (Luke 11: 21 – 23)

21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.

22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.

23 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

- ✚ "Strong Man" = Satan
- ✚ "his palace" = the various ways Satan uses his dark power over men largely or individually
- ✚ "stronger than he" = Christ overcame him. Satan is doomed by Christ's victory over death
- ✚ "armor" = Satan's defenses broken
- ✚ "spoils" = that which Satan kept for himself (individual lives), Jesus now uses (us) for His glorious purposes!

Satan does not work against himself and neither does Jesus!

Christ has overthrown Satan's kingdom. The power and authority Satan had over people's lives are now broken by the "stronger" one, Christ the Messiah!

Refer back to Verse 23 –

Choose who you will serve. Those who are for Christ win souls through Him, those working against Him "scatter" souls.

Conclusion:

Don't Be Divided in the Truth and Direction of God in Your Life. Be United in Him in Heart and Mind.