

# S.O.H.L. (4/12/10)

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

### **One Spirit, One Body, One Word and One Interpretation**

Satan has always endeavored to stir up strife among Christians, as one of his chief devices against the gospel. So liable are the best things to be corrupted, and the gospel and its institutions made engines of disagreement and controversy.

As I look at our churches today, we are compiled with so many different beliefs and backgrounds based from traditions of the past. We live in denominations (divided churches), Yet we say we agree and we are one. There is a church opening on every street corner! Why? One will say that God gave them a vision (a lot of these visions have not been successful) or because one could not submit to the authority he or she was under. So they start their own. Many leaders today are territorial. Many of them want recognition. Boasting on what or how many degrees they have or boasting on how large their church is. Competing against fellow churches instead of genuinely encouraging one another. Nevertheless, I understand each one has a flock, but the flock follows God not man. Therefore, if the preaching or teaching is of one in Spirit, Body, Truth and Interpretation. Why is there so much division? Could it be some are not rightly dividing the word of truth as instructed to do so in **2 TIMOTHY 2:15-19**. Submission should always be under those in authority, but all should speak the language that God speaks. Do not focus on the speaker, but the speaking. We must be like the people of Berea in **ACTS 17:10-15**.

Paul expounds in the following scriptures on the importance of unity and not division.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:10-11 NLT** - **(10)** But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace. **(11)** So it makes no difference whether *I preach or they preach*, for *we all preach the same message* you have already believed.

**EPHESIANS 4:4-6 NIV** – **(4)** There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called — **(5)** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **(6)** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13 NASB** – **(10)** Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. **(11)** For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. **(12)** Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ." **(13)** Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

My brothers and sisters in the faith "we are one" in Christ Jesus. One Spirit, One Body, One Word, One Interpretation and One Truth. The glory is all His! When we do not line up, we must ask "what is the motive?"

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:34

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer.

