

## ONE MIND SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

**1 PETER 3:8 NKJV – (8)** Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous;

Peter exhorts believers to "be of one mind". This unity is important because all Christians are on the same team, especially those in a local body. A team falls apart and loses its aim when it is not of one mind. When we treat believers as Christ has called us to, we can be of one mind in what we believe and in our actions to glorify God. To be of one mind is to be like-minded or united in intent and purpose.

Romans 15:5–6 gives another reason why being of one mind is important: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ". All believers are called to be of one mind so they can glorify God in unison and accurately reflect Jesus to the world and extend His offer of salvation (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Selfish actions and haughty thoughts cause disunity. <u>A DOUBLE MINDED PERSON CAN EXPECT NOTHING GOOD!</u> Simply because they are selfish (JAMES 1:7-8). Their results are mentioned in JAMES 4:1-6.

Our union to Christ reminds us that we are all sinners saved by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ. Salvation leads us to being "completely humble and gentle" and being "patient, bearing with one another in love" (**Ephesians 4:2**). Being of one mind involves treating each other with love and selflessness.

**SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-3** 

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** One mind, One love, in Christ.