

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

August 4, 2014

### We are one

**JOHN 4:24-27 NKJV** – (24) God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (25) The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." (26) Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." (27) And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

I could address what it means when it says "God is Spirit" or I could address what Jesus meant by genuine worship. Then again, I could also address His proclamation as the "Messiah". Instead, I want you to see (just like His disciples) why He spoke to a Samaritan. Samaritans were a hated mixed race Jews typically did not associate themselves with Samaritans. The relationship between the Jews and Samaritans was filled with hatred! No respectable man would talk to a woman under such circumstances. But Jesus did. Jesus knew that the woman was living in sin, yet He still spoke to her.

There was no competition. No challenge. No ill-mannered feeling displayed. Instead, Jesus was very much concerned about her well-being. A life identified with His - in unity or oneness! To be unified as one means to be like "Christians or (Christ like)." This is a message to the church who acknowledges Christ as King, as Savior and as the head of all things... "We are one!" It does not matter your denomination for, in Christ, there are no divisions.

Let us come together in love, forgiveness, and unity as Christ did in this passage. If Christ does not focus on that other stuff and we claim to be HIS, why does it become our focus? We are in oneness with Him.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

ROMANS 12:10

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

Religions are many and diverse, but reason and goodness are one.

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