

REBUILD

LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Unifying Our Diversity

REBUILD: Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah #4

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REBUILD PRINCIPLE:

- **IN CHRIST, OUR _____ GIVES OUR _____.**

(See Nehemiah Chapter 3)

“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

– Galatians 3:27-28

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

– John 13:34-35

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16

FOR US TO COME TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH GOD’S REBUILD, WE MUST RECOGNIZE:

- **GOD’S _____ IS _____.**

“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;”

– Acts 17:26-27

“Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.” – Colossians 3:9-11

a. DIVERSITY = _____.

b. DISCRIMINATION = _____.

- GOD’S _____ REQUIRES OUR _____ FOR THE _____.

Memory Verse:

“Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” – 1 Corinthians 1:10

- GOD’S _____ HAS ALWAYS BEEN _____.

“...select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.” – Exodus 18:25

*“But He answered and said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’” – Matthew 6:37
(see also vs. 38-41)*

- GOD’S _____ REQUIRES _____ TO THE CAUSE.

“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.” – 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...” – Romans 12:4-6

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” – Psalm 133:1

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 1:10.
- Ask God to search me and convict me of any unrepentant discrimination.
- Determine my unique S.H.A.P.E. for ministry and use it for God’s rebuild (see <https://www.FreeSHAPETest.com/>).
- Sign me up for Fall Group # _____.

NEXT WEEK:

REBUILD Part 5 - Interrupted by Conflict

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