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The Glory of One: Betrayal

John 17:22-23 *And the **glory** which You gave Me **I have given them**, that they may be **one** just as We are **one**: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be **made perfect in one**, and that the **world may know** that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

We put a hold on “Fulfill all Righteousness” and on 9-20 we started the series “The Glory of One” with Jn 17:22-23 being our theme verse. Then the following Friday 9-25-2020, at the VVC Praise rally, Pastor Mark Seppo handed me a teaching from Pastor Mike Bickle from IHOPKC, about the Body of Christ being one. “The Body of Christ is unified at a level that is supernatural. The reason that **John 17** is so dramatic because that family unity in the Body of Christ happens in the same generation where a **culture of betrayal** in the Body of Christ is happening at the same time. It is quite a paradox that the end-time harvest, the billion-soul harvest, happens in the same timeframe that the falling away happens.” Pastor Mike said there is a supernatural unity coming, but at the same time a great betrayal will be happening. He said betrayal is not enemies against enemies, it is friends who become enemies. **Betrayal is a family matter.**

Matt 24:10-14 *10 And then many will be **offended**, will **betray one another**, and will **hate one another**. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and **deceive** many. 12 And because **lawlessness will abound**, the **love** of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

Matt 10:34-37 *"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a **man's enemies will be those of his own household**.'*

Those in Christ will have peace, but those who are not in Christ will have lawlessness (rebellion) separating themselves from the Truth and will betray their friends and family. This will cause division in households, churches and our Nation. America is divided and the final battle is escalating.

In the book of Malachi God said; *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."* **Mal 4:5-6** Will God's children be blessed or cursed?

Offence, betrayal, deception, and lawlessness will create a loveless culture, but at the same time, the true Church will rise up in unity and love as a demonstration of God's glory and love as proof there is a Father-God who loves them.

Lawlessness is a spirit of rebellion. The major breeding ground for lawlessness has been in **colleges and universities**, but has now spread into our entire educational system. Lawlessness wars against the Word of God and has caused many Christians, especially young adults to be double-minded. 75% of young Christians that enter a four-year college program will not return to church. They no longer serve God and have been poisoned especially towards “organized religion” and authority.

Postmodernism is a seed of lawlessness stating there are no absolute truths. **Friedrich Nietzsche** is considered the father of Postmodernism and has stated “God is dead” and he hated Christians. Postmodernism is taught in our schools. This is one reason there are so many young people protesting in the streets that embrace Socialism and lawlessness. Lawlessness does not care about the truth because it embraces **relativism** which states there are no absolute truths. Everything is based on sensual logic and emotions. As a result, we have people screaming “That offends me tear it down!” Postmodernism is a twisted logic that can turn evil into good and good into evil based on emotions and deception.

Lawlessness causes betrayal, because lawlessness causes our hearts to grown cold. A cold heart is a hardened heart. Once our heart is hardened, it is evidence of a spirit of rejection. This spirit of rejection will lie to us, telling us not to let love into our heart because the fear of being hurt. At this point, we can no longer receive and give love unconditionally.

The Accuser and Selfish Love

The opposite of agape love is self-seeking love where the focus is on me and my needs, and my hurts, and my opinions, and my past, and my resentments, rejection, and shame (**James 3:14-15**).

Satan is the Accuser who will accuse us of our past sins, accusing us we will never be good enough, and accusing the people who have mistreated us, as the ones responsible for making our lives miserable and causing us to miss out on life. Whether the Accuser is accusing us of our past sins, or accusing others as the source of our past or current misery, we have to **choose to forgive ourselves and others**.

Every time we hear the accusations coming from the enemy, we must rebuke it, casting it down as a lie, a fiery dart of Satan. Then we claim we are covered with the blood of Jesus. We have the mind of Christ.

As long as we hold onto the accusations, we hold onto the Accuser, we hold onto Satan and his Kingdom of Darkness. This can lead us to betrayal, just like a self-seeking love for money caused Judas to betray Jesus.

Phil 3:12-16 *Pressing Toward the Goal...to mature into being One with Christ, having the mind of Christ.*

*12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I **press on**, that I may **lay hold** of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward** to those things which are ahead, 14 I **press toward the goal** for the prize of the **upward call** of God in Christ Jesus.*

*15 Therefore let us, **as many as are mature**, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. 16 Nevertheless, to the **degree that we have already attained**, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.*

When we don't let go of the past, we stop maturing in Christ. When those thoughts of old, of hurt, offence, accusations, lawlessness, shame, resentment, rejection come into our mind, they are a **fiery dart**.

Eph 6:16 *above all, taking the **shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the **fiery darts of the wicked one**.*