



## UNDIVIDED: THE ONE WHO BINDS UNDIVIDES

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### HOW CAN I LOVE OTHER CHRISTIANS WHO DISAGREE WITH ME POLITICALLY?

I must look at our political differences through four different faces:

- 1. The Face of God:** God desires for all people to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. God desires to \_\_\_\_\_ division so separation will not exist. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19, Proverbs 6:16-19, Philippians 1:27-28, Galatians 5:19-21)
- 2. The Face of the Biblical Text:** The Bible places Christians at the forefront of the ministry of reconciliation for our world. It is our \_\_\_\_\_ as followers of Christ to fuel the fires of driving out the division we have with others. (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)
- 3. The Face of Myself:** I must evaluate my own political opinions, biases, and ideas about politics. I must \_\_\_\_\_ that my political thoughts may be different than others. (Romans 12:3-5)
- 4. The Face of the Preacher:** The preacher's job is to represent Christ, not a political party. The preacher is called to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word of reconciliation and unity while keeping his or her own political opinions, biases, and ideas about politics out of the pulpit. (Proverbs 30:5-6, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### APPLICATION: HOW DO WE REMAIN RECONCILED AND UNIFIED DESPITE OUR POLITICAL DIFFERENCES?

- 1. We must remain focused on what \_\_\_\_\_ us and not the things that \_\_\_\_\_ us.** (Isaiah 53:5, Mark 10:45, John 3:16, Acts 10:43, Acts 13:38-39, Romans 4:25, Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:19-21, 2 Timothy, 2:8, Titus, 3:4-7, Hebrews 9:28, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 John 4:10)
- 2. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, we must not \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from those who have different political preferences. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the entire body of Christ, not just the parts that look like us and think like us.**  
(1 Corinthians 1:10, 2 Corinthians 13:11, 1 Corinthians 12:12, 18, 22, 25-27)
- 3. We must eliminate the \_\_\_\_\_ emotions we have against those with different political opinions, and we must strive for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ to define our love for others.** (Galatians 5:22-26)

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Do I need to repent of any hatred, anger, frustration, or hostility I have had toward those who have different political preferences? What fruit of the spirit do I need more of in my life? (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control)

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