

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an important series of studies on Oneness in Christ. Our topic today: Causes of Disunity.

1. Disobedience

- a) Deuteronomy 28:1-14 What blessings did the LORD promise His people if they lived in harmony with His commandments?
- b) Deuteronomy 28:15-20 What negative consequences would result from disobedience?
- c) When God's people wandered away from Him in disobedience, what was His desire for them? Jeremiah 3:12-18
- d) What is the root cause of disobedience?
- e) Share an example from your own life of how disobedience to God's Word resulted in disunity.

2. Pride of personal opinion

- a) Judges 17:6, 21:25
- b) What was the disastrous result of proudly trusting in personal opinion? Judges 2:11-13, 3:5-7
- c) What warnings does Solomon give regarding the danger of a proud attitude? Proverbs 13:10, 16:18, 6:16-19
- d) What story in the Bible illustrates the damaging results of a proud attitude?

3. Following ungodly counsel

- a) 1 Kings 12:1-7, 8-16 How can we be certain that we are listening to godly counsel?

- b) What promises in God's Word assure us of His desire to provide wise counsel for us? Psalm 32:8, James 1:5
- c) What appeal does Solomon make to each one of us? Proverbs 19:20
- d) Share a time when following godly counsel brought healing and restoration to a broken relationship.

4. Following people rather than following God

- a) 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 Why does the apostle Paul plead so earnestly with the Corinthian believers?
- b) What is the danger of following a person, even if he or she is walking closely with the Lord? Why is Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 11:1 an important reminder when learning from another believer?
- c) What habit of the Berean believers was affirmed by Paul? Acts 17:11

5. Attacks from without and within

- a) Acts 20:28-30 (also Matthew 7:15) – savage wolves
- b) Numbers 12:1-2 - Miriam and Aaron (envy)
- c) 2 Timothy 2:15-18 - Hymenaeus and Philetus
- d) 2 Timothy 3:12-17 What counsel does Paul give to the young preacher Timothy regarding those who would seek to bring disunity to the church?
- e) What Bible promise gives you hope and courage when you are under attack?

