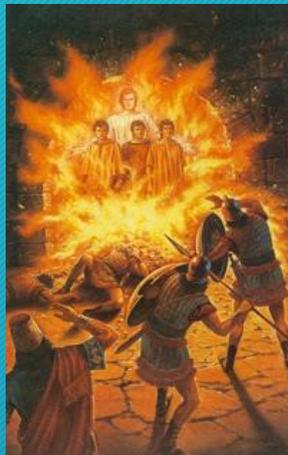
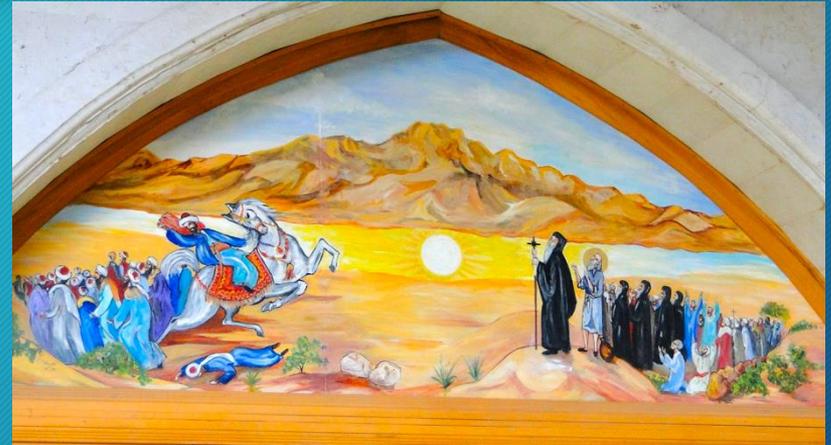


Unity in the Church and our Lives

“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.” (Matt. 12:25)

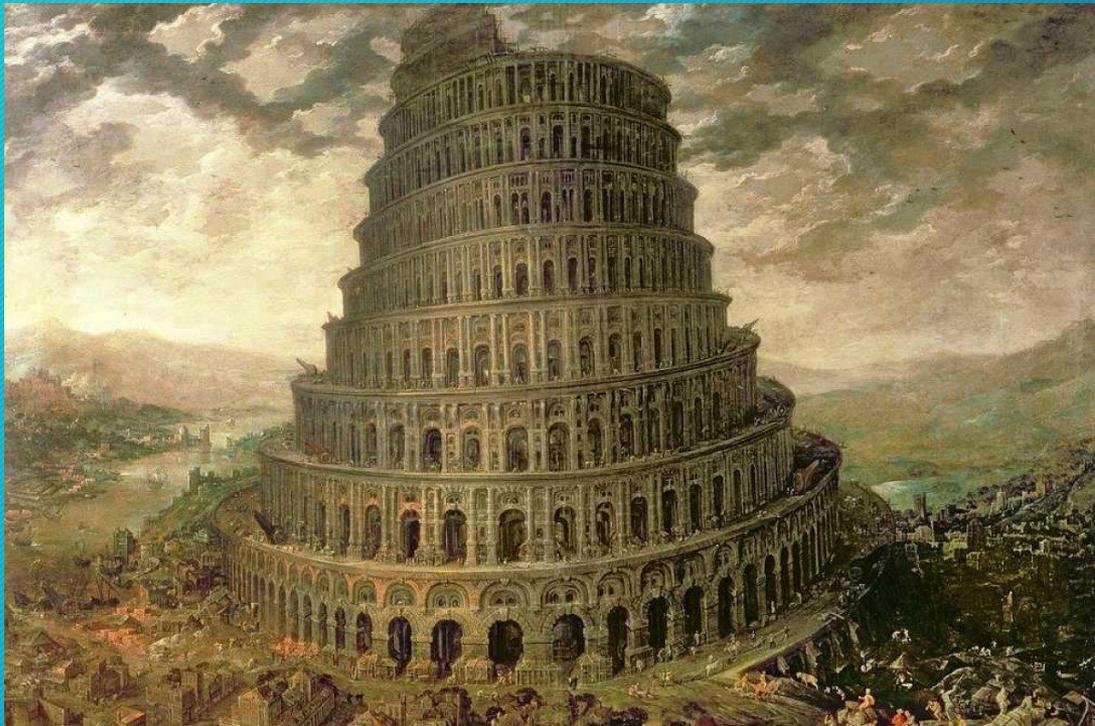
There is Power in Unity

- In Prayer
- In Fasting
- Withstanding the Enemy



Destructive Unity

- People may be united for evil



Towel of Babel

What unites us?

- Having a common Father
- Our Faith
 - “...There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” (Eph. 4:4)
- The Holy Spirit

Restoring Unity is God's ultimate desire and plan

- “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us...” (Jn. 17: 20-21)

Restoring Unity is God's ultimate desire and plan

- Adam and Eve
- “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.” (Gen. 3:7)
- Their unity with God and one another was broken

Unity can only be restored through Christ

- “For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” (Rom. 5:10)
- “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.” (Col. 1:18)
- “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (Jn. 14:6)

Causes of Disunity

- False Teachers
- “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.” (2 Pet. 2:1-2)

Causes of Disunity

- A Rebellious Attitude



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Causes of Disunity

- Selfishness and Pride
 - “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Phil. 2:3-4)

Conclusion

- “But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: 18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.” (Jude 17-19)