

Politically Incorrect

John 7:37 **In the last day, that great *day* of the feast,** Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man **thirst**, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 **He that believeth on me**, as the scripture hath said, out of his **belly shall flow rivers of living water.** 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for **the Holy Ghost was not yet given;** because that Jesus was **not yet glorified.**) 40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, **Of a truth this is the Prophet.** 41 Others said, **This is the Christ.** But some said, **Shall Christ** come out of Galilee? 42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Beth-lehem, where David was? 43 So there was a **division among the people because of him.** 44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. 45 **Then** came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? 46 The officers answered, **Never man spake like this man.** 47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also **deceived?** 48

Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? 49

But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. 50

Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) 51 **Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?** 52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

53 And every man went unto his own house.

- Division here means torn, factions, partisan, schism, pulling away
- Division is the opposite of unity
- We are to be at one with each other because we are believers, disciples, followers of Christ

1. Deciding to follow Jesus divides you 37 **In the last day, that great day of the feast,** Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man **thirst,** let him come unto me, and drink. 38 **He that believeth on me,** as the scripture hath said, out of his **belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

- a. Some are thirsty and others aren't
- b. Some believe and others do not
- c. When one believes the others feel they are being judged and are uncomfortable **Matthew 10:34-36** **Think not that I am come to **send peace** on earth: I came not to send peace, **but a sword.** 35 For I am come to set a man at **variance** against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes *shall be* they of **his own household.****
- d. If you decide to follow Jesus you are saying that those that do not are wrong **II Corinthians 6:14-16** **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for **what fellowship** hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion** hath light with darkness? 15 And **what concord** hath Christ with Belial? or **what part** hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And **what agreement** hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and **they shall be my people.****

2. Doctrine causes division **40** Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, **Of a truth this is the Prophet.** **41** Others said, **This is the Christ.** But some said, **Shall Christ** come out of Galilee? **42** Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Beth-lehem, where David was?

- a. If you believe He is the Christ and others question if He could be, there will be division
- b. If you believe and teach what the Bible teaches there will be division

c. There will be men who want to get a following

Acts 20:28-30 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

d. Satan has men who only act the part

II Corinthians 11:13-15 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, **transforming themselves into the**

- apostles of Christ.** 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his **ministers also be transformed** as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.
- e. Some will speak lies and wicked doctrine I Timothy 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 **Speaking lies** in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 **Forbidding** to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.
- f. Some want to take us into legalism Galatians 2:4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to **spy out our liberty** which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might **bring us into bondage:**
- g. Others want to take us into ungodly living, a license to sin or sensuality Jude 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly *men*, **turning the grace of our**

God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

h. We need balance

i. We need the division to see if we really believe

3. Religion causes division 44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. 45 **Then** came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? 46 The officers answered, **Never man spake like this man.** 47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also **deceived?** 48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? 49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

a. The status quo must protect itself

b. Many have a vested interest in keeping things like they have been

c. The Pharisees definitely do not want anybody to get out of their control

d. Guilt and manipulation are powerful tools that men do not want to give up

4. The exclusivity of Christ causes division

- a. Most aren't that worried about you exercising your religion as long as it doesn't interfere with theirs
- b. The Amish are cute. The Mormons have good things that they teach. The Seventh Day Adventist have good material about health and foods.
- c. If no one can get to God except through Jesus we have just stated that what we believe is right, eternally right and theirs is wrong **John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
John 10:7-9 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. **8** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **9** I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
- d. It doesn't matter if a person has a good heart
- e. It doesn't matter if a person believes with all of his heart

- f. The Hindus, the Muslims, the Buddhist, and all others are going to Hell thinking that they are going to heaven

5. Dedication causes division

- a. The uncommitted are never very comfortable with the committed **Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?**
- b. Your separation from sin will separate you from your friends
- c. Your obedience will make them uncomfortable
- d. What you consider a reasonable sacrifice will be fanaticism to them
- e. The amount of time, treasure, and talent you want to invest in the things of God will make them uncomfortable
- f. Loving God or anyone makes a clear choice or choosing of one over another