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United In A New Man

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Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* **a new creation**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

What is the Word saying, a new creation -- a new kind of man?

Since the days of Cain and Abel, man has been under the influence of the spirit of division.

Divided into Jew and Gentile, black and white, male or female, young or old, rich and poor, and the list goes on.

In the days of Babel, God said that evil men united in purpose and plan, would be able to do all that they imagined to do. **So the Lord divided their language in order to restrain evil.**

<u>And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now</u> <u>nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.</u> Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. Genesis 11:6-9

On the flip side of that, the Lord united the early Church in order to release good, when they were praying in the upper room, it lead to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Unity around Him and His Kingdom has always been God's will and purpose for His People.

The devil brought a division between the early Jewish believers and the Gentile believers. By doing so, he has substantially weakened the Body of Christ, but the Lord is turning it around in these last days.

Jesus said in Mark 3:25: And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Paul said by the Spirit in Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. We are all to be united in Yeshua Hamashiakh, not divided.

Unity is such a very powerful force from God found in <u>the new man</u>, and spoken of in Psalm 133.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

This kind of unity is what the Lord desires for Jew and Gentile, Israel and the nations.

This is a unity found only in the new man in Christ Jesus, and it releases the Anointing of the living God. We are united with Him in order to carry out His ministry and purposes in the earth. Until the day He returns for a bride without spot or wrinkle, ready and anointed for the heavenly wedding celebration with the Lamb of God, Yeshua Hamashiakh.

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