

JON'S SERMON OUTLINE....

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

¹⁴I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of this world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

John 17:14-17

Introduction: So much division in our world today! How can you get along and not be hated? Jesus tells us in John 17:14-17 that, as His disciples, we will especially be hated. But this is the mess we live in and can't get out of for now. The good news? We get sanctified by His word! Yet, that same word has separated God's people. The word itself didn't divide us, but people have certainly divided over it. Why is there so much division among those who claim to follow Christ? Should the same thing that sanctifies us (God's word) be unimportant in unifying us? Should we just say that doctrine really doesn't matter? Look at these verses (2 John 9, Matthew 15:9, 1 Timothy 4:16, Acts 2:42, and 1 Timothy 1:3) on your own and ask yourself if doctrine matters. Next, let's see if, as God's people... "Can't we all just get along?"

1. THE _____ WAS WRITTEN FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING:
 - a. God didn't give us the Bible to confuse us (1 John 5:13, John 20:31).
 - b. The God who created our minds, inspired the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 - c. When we don't understand, it's our own heart choice (Heb. 3:7-12).
2. THE BIBLE CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL _____:
 - a. Jesus wants us sanctified and unified (John 17:14-17, 20-21).
 - b. God wants no divisions among us (1 Corinthians 1:10).
 - c. We must be one on matters that involve salvation (Ephesians 4:3-6).
3. WE CAN GET ALONG IF WE _____ GOD'S WILL:
 - a. We humbly come to God for wisdom (James 3:15-16).
 - b. We heartily set aside the teachings of men (Matthew 15:7-9).
 - c. We happily focus on the Scriptures (John 17:17).

CONCLUSION: How are you getting along with God?

Answers: 1. Bible 2. Alike 3. Seek