

## ***“Christians Divided”***

Series: Asking for a Friend

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Ephesians 4:1-16 (p. 948), Philippians 2:1-11 (p. 951),  
Romans 12:1-2 (p. 920)

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Q: Why are Christians so polarized and divided (i.e. sin, politics, social issues)? Isn't the truth absolute? Why doesn't God tell the “wrong” side that they're wrong?

1) INTELLECTUAL REASONS

2) BIBLICAL REASONS (Rom 12:1-2)

3) WHAT UNITES US (Eph 4:1-7)

4) OUR ETERNAL HOPE (Phil 2:1-11)

5) THE ROAD TO UNITY (Eph 4:11-16)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Romans 8:1-17

## **Discussion Questions**

READ: Ephesians 4:1-15

- 1) What are some issues on which Christians have been known to disagree?
- 2) How does the world perceive the division among believers?
- 3) What are some differences between how Christians and non-Christians deal with conflicts and differences of opinion?
- 4) What are some biblical essentials that Christians should agree upon?
- 5) What does Ephesians 4 say is the basis for our unity?
- 6) Ephesians 4:3 says that we should make every effort to keep unity, what do you think that means?
- 7) How is maturity connected to unity?
- 8) What did God provide to help us grow in maturity and unity?
- 9) How are you becoming more spiritually mature?
- 10) What will you do to make every effort to keep unity?
- 11) How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
- 12) How can we pray for you this week?