

## **Unpacking the WORD**

June 7, 2020 SERMON:

“I Am A Church Member - Part 3: I Will Be A Unifying Church Member”

Please read I Corinthians 12, 13, and 14

**Thesis** of the sermon: The purpose of most public speaking (or writing) is to unify people around a key idea. These three chapters in I Corinthians seek to unify the hearers as the Body of Christ, based in love (I Cor. 13).

**Antithesis** of the sermon: Many do not distinguish between secular organizations and the Kingdom, causing confusion.

**Key Question:** How do we handle this?

**Point 1:** When church members work together, the church becomes stronger.

Point 2: Gossip is bad and is destructive in any church. Gossip should not be tolerated.

Point 3: One of the main reasons for church disunity is spiritual bondage of members. (I share Thom Rainer's personal story in the sermon). Jesus came to set us free! (Luke 4:16-21).

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