

# Transformational Community vs. A Toxic Tribalism

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## Three Big Questions Kneecapping Jesus' Church Today:

Q1: What is tribalism?

Q2: Are Jesus' people not to hold opinions?

Q3: How, in community, do I keep Jesus' perspective amid a tribal world?

### Q1: What is Tribalism?

*Tribalism is a seductive and divisive religious posture that elevates secondary issues over primary allegiances which results in neutering my spiritual transformation.*

Tribalism is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Posture...

*I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. I Corinthians 1:10-11*

...That Elevates Secondary \_\_\_\_\_ Over Primary \_\_\_\_\_ ...

*What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:12*

...Which Results in Neutering my \_\_\_\_\_.

*Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

1 Corinthians 1:13

### Q2: So, Are Jesus' People Not to Hold Opinions?

*Jesus does care how I think because the gospel of Jesus reveals Truth. Therefore, Jesus' people resist the immaturity of tribalism by fighting for unity in order to become, in ourselves, living proof of Gospel Truth.*

Jesus Does Care \_\_\_\_\_ I Think...

*See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. Colossians 2:8*

...Because, the Gospel of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (and my newsfeed does not).

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed... Romans 1:16-17*

Therefore, Jesus' People Resist the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Ephesians 4:11-14*

...By \_\_\_\_\_ for Unity...

*Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...*

Ephesians 4:15

**...In Order to Become, in Ourselves, \_\_\_\_\_ of Gospel Truth.**

*from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15-16*

**Q3: How, In Community, Do I Keep Jesus' Perspective in a Tribal World?**

1. Get in community
2. Value my brothers and sisters as much more of a treasure than my own opinions.
3. In humility, submit myself to my community.
4. Fight for unity. I will not be the one that quits and walks away.
5. Treasure the transformational fruit that comes from the humility of community.