

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Assaulting Jesus

Have you ever **assaulted** Jesus?

- Would you have joined those who assaulted Him 2,000 years ago?
- What might prompt you to join those who assault Him?

How about **abandoning** Him? Would you do that?

- Everyone abandoned Him 2,000 years ago
- Would you have done it too?

It seems outrageous, doesn't it?

- Yet Christians still do it frequently, even now
- **Why do they do it?**
- Why do they feel **justified... even righteous?**

Not much troubles me more

It troubled the Apostle Paul, too

Romans 14:1-10

Do we think of each other **as Jesus?**

If not, **why not?**

I Corinthians 12:24-27, "God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, **that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.** And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. **Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.**"

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Can we accuse or abandon members of His body...

Without doing it **to Him?**

Matthew 25:40, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, **you did it to Me.**"

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I Corinthians 1:11-13, "For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." **Is Christ divided?**"

Philippians 1:9-11, "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, **that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.**"

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What is **most important to Jesus?**

- What did He come, and live, and die for?

John 17:20-23, "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.** And the glory which You gave Me I have

given them, **that they may be one just as We are one**: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and **that the world may know that You have sent Me**, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

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When Christians accuse and reject each other...

- We are telling the world **that is what Jesus does**

John 13:34-35, “A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this** everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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I have been preparing for a month to bring a series on the essential unity of **The Body of Christ**

- Then last week I was stunned and heartbroken to learn of the destruction of **Trinity Church of Tacoma**.
- They were torn apart by bringing offense into the Body of Christ

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Revell & I experienced the same thing in 1989-1990 with the destruction of **Hosanna Christian Fellowship**

- It was the most horrible experience of my life as a Christian
- **Followers of Jesus, accusing & rejecting each other...**
- Justifying themselves as righteous representatives of Him

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We are living in times of great **divisiveness & justification of sin**

Those who are His, had better be **completely devoted to Him...**

- And **each other who are His...**
- If the world is to believe **in Him**
- **There is no other hope**

Psalm 76:11, “Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them”