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Be Distinctive: Sermon from The Charlotte Church

Rodney Fuller & Ron Drabot, Charlotte, NC — Tuesday, 06 September 2016



It has been an onslaught of events. And from them we knew we were all being attacked! However, the perpetrator is not an earthly terrorist organization that can be seen. No, this evil force is none other than Satan himself, along with, "…the rulers, the authorities, and the power of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Our world and our very nation is being torn apart by the crippling manacles of hatred on all levels; from one man to another, from one religion to another, from one tribe to another, from one race to another, from one class to another, and yes, from one house to another.

The violence that has taken place in our generation once was dominated by race, with the mounting number of blacks being killed by white police officers who in turn were not indicted and allowed to go free with no justice being realized by the victims or their families. The silent cries of African Americans erupted into loud protests.

Similarly, there are loud protests happening all over the globe due to a lack of justice and change. Martin Luther King, Jr., in a 60 Minutes interview in 1966 said that, "…a riot is the language of the unheard…" And, undoubtedly, the African American along with scores of others have been unheard for generations, and yet the pendulum of violence has become unhinged, beginning to swing in all directions and impacting people from every nation of men.

As children of God we are faced with a mountainous choice that we cannot make righteously without the guiding of the Holy Spirit. We are on the shores of a surging ocean that we cannot cross without the breath of our Lord blowing a pathway for us to dry ground. Our choice is whether to handle the racism and violence of our day in the same manner as the world, or in the manner taught us by our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

And we must show mankind how to cross over from death to life by the gospel of that same man who gave his life as a "ransom for many." This sermon on July 17, 2016 by Ron Drabot and Rodney Fuller, evangelists of The Charlotte Church, is only the beginning. A beginning of crucial conversations and decisions that face not only the saints in Charlotte, North Carolina, but God's people all over the world. Our hope is that this message will prompt critical dialogue and changes that will bring glory to our Father in heaven, and result in the salvation of countless souls.

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  We've all felt it. It comes in various shapes and sizes without respect for age or background. It can kick you in the gut—when you don't get a desired job, or make the team, or garner attention from someone you...

- ***Spots Still Available on 2017 Singles Cruise***
  DT Travel — Tuesday, 30 August 2016
  So you think that cruises are just for sleeping and watching the ocean go by. Not on this one! In addition to the devotionals, Bible lessons and fellowship on the Singles Cruise, you will find the following on...

- ***Invitation to 2017 ICOC Family Conference***
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  We look forward to seeing you in Denver for the 2017 ICOC Family Conference, "All Generations," over Labor Day weekend next year. Check back for registration information. Youth and family logoAll Generations is a multiple track conference that will bring together, youth and family leaders, Kingdom Kids Leaders,

- ***Bonded Together Forever***
  Shelly J. Schmidt, Champaign, IL — Thursday, 25 August 2016
  In August 2003, five families from around the U.S. traveled to China together to adopt our children through HOPE for Children. We arrived in Changsha, the capital city of the Hunan Province, early Sunday afternoon. What we did over the next two weeks...

• UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 Australian Discipleship Summit
Sydney, Australia
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Lima, Peru
October 20-23, 2016

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Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Israel
October 21-31, 2016

ICMC US West
Austin, Texas USA
June 29-July 1, 2017

ICMC US East
Asheville, North Carolina USA
August 4-6, 2017

2017 Family Ministry Conference
Denver ,Colorado USA
September 1-3 2017

2020 World Discipleship Summit
Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

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Sermons on Racial Unity

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One month ago, Disciples Today launched a new column called Oneness to address the racial crisis in the U.S. We have been encouraged by the number of sermons we've seen on this topic, and recommend the following as resources to equip our hearts and minds to grow in our love and unity.

Although this content is specifically directed toward those in the U.S., we believe that the principles communicated here can apply to disciples around the world seeking unity in various racial, political, and cultural circumstances. Please send us your recommended sermons and articles to content@dtoday.net.



- ***Prayer for unity at Reach2016***
- Steve Staten and Scott Kirkpatrick at Reach2016: ***All the Believers Were Together: Unity in the Days Ahead***
  (Note: A DTV subscription is required to listen to this message)
- Scott Kirkpatrick, Columbia Church of Christ: ***Divine Power***
- Tom Brown, North River Church of Christ: ***Out of the Darkness***
- Gordon Ferguson, Dallas/Fort Worth Church: ***A Christian Perspective on Racism***

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