



'You all believe in Jesus, so why is there disunity?'

Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims! I counted 15 little churches, one right after the other, spanning only 2 miles. Several of these churches started because members did not like certain things in their previous church; thus they split.

Muslims notice that instead of coming together and sorting our differences, Christians are separating and alienating themselves from each other. Satan divides first and then taunts us. Jesus, however, desires unity among us, making Him the center of our attention.



'Show us the real Jesus in your lives so we may see and follow'

In our outreach to Muslims, we often receive questions along these lines: "If Jesus is the answer, then how come he and his message have not united the church? Why are Christians divided, even on simple things? Aren't Christians supposed to have fellowship together? In Islam we already have so many divisions. Show us the real Jesus in your lives so we may see him and follow."

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
(Ephesians 4:3-6)

Dear Friend, Jesus prayed for the unity of the body of Christ. He prayed for each one of us to be one with the Father as He is one with the Father. Then we would have perfect unity. Then the world would know that the Father sent Jesus (John 17:20-23).

I Corinthians 12 talks about the different spiritual gifts God gives, yet they all come from the same Spirit. God designed us each to be uniquely different in some way for the good of the whole body. He knows the plan that He has for each one of us, plans to give us hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). And that plan is to be united in one body, each using our gifts for the good of the whole body to help each other.

Our physical body has different parts for different uses. This is the visual of what God has in mind for the body of Christ to be: one body with many parts all harmonizing together demonstrating the Father's perfect love. In that perfect unity, our light would shine so brightly together that the world would know the Father sent the Son.

We need to learn to love one another as God loves us. The Father's heart is that we love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we are called to love each other as ourselves (Mark 12:29-31). When we love each other as we are called to do in the family of God, then our light will shine into the darkness of this world. As Christ followers, we have been pulled up out of the miry pit of darkness by the loving arms of our Father who gave us a second chance.

Yet, as time goes on, we begin to bicker and fight over silly things that separate us once again causing us to look just like the world. The Father is not pleased with that separation and that division in the body of Christ. He has not only brought Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free together, but He also wants to see them as one body in Christ, with one gospel message. Denominations and opinions have divided us, but that is from the flesh not from the Spirit of God. This division is not the heart of God and it grieves our hearts.

Muslims themselves are asking the question: "If Jesus is the way, the only way to God and eternity then why has it not changed the west?" They have a valid question. Will you think about it today? Will you

pray to the Father for His will to be done? Will you pray to the Father to help you understand what His true unity is so that He would be glorified in this unity of the body of Christ?

The Bridegroom, Jesus, is coming back for His Bride, not for his brides! He is not coming back for a divided body, but rather for a remnant of the body of Christ who truly trusts in Him and loves each other as we love God. Let's honor Him in the way we love one another.

The worldly are fighting for control over each other. The evil selfish agendas of controllers are fighting over power, money and authority in this world, just as the Bible says that in the end days they will say "peace, peace," but there is no peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace and in Him we have peace, love and harmony, trusting His will in all things over our own. It's time to be separate from the world and be united together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jesus, our Bridegroom, is coming soon to take a pure and holy remnant bride! Will we be altogether united as that one Bride, the church, with the one gospel? Will I? Will you? Let us reason together. We pray for that unity daily! Pray with us for the Father's perfect unity! All our love and sincere concern for the Bride of Christ, – Steven and Karen Masood

Ministry outreach

Dear Friend, It is amazing we are in 2018 and a whole month is gone. Traffic on our websites, as usual, has increased. Many Muslims write to us or comment in response to articles and videos. Steven continues to answer their queries. Genuine inquirers are put in contact with other Christian friends in their areas.

Steven has finished writing the script for the program 'Iman wa Amal' (Belief & Practice) in Urdu. He is now going through it to check on continuity and synchronize it to the level of understandings in the daily language of Muslims in Pakistan and India. He will then translate it into English. The duration of each program will be 20 minutes allowing for the TV/Satellite networks to have time for their own adverts, etc.

Steven and Karen continue to travel and speak at churches and fellowships on various subjects related to Islam and Christianity to help the body of Christ to become aware of how to share the gospel with Muslims. For security reasons we do not advertise or publish in our newsletters or on our websites our whereabouts. However, as you open doors in your own churches, we try to send emails to all those on our newsletter list when we are scheduled to be in your area and open to other appointments while in that area.

We thank God for modern tech and for your prayerful support that enables us to reach people even in Pakistan, India, and the Middle East. We help both Muslims and Christians over the Internet through various means, including e-mail correspondence, Skype, face to face visits, and interviews as well as other resources. This ministry provides, according to funds available, resources for outreach to missionaries and local workers. Certainly there is a limit as at times we put appeals on the back burners, waiting for the Lord's timing.

Prayer and praise points:

- ❖ We pray for all those in the world who knowingly or unknowingly fight against God, that they will know true peace that comes in submitting to God's will in Christ.
- ❖ We thank God for the recording studio. We thank Him for the funds and resources He supplied through His precious people. We pray that the Lord will help us to use His precious time and energy He has given us to write and present messages with a Biblical perspective in Urdu, Pashtu and English.
- ❖ We ask God to grant us continuous wisdom to equip the body and share the gospel in the simplest Biblical way with Muslims.
- ❖ We pray for all the resources received by attendees through seminars, conferences and the web-sites will be used for God's glory.

Jesus to Muslims: Financial Aspects

Jesus to Muslims relies solely on God through the generosity of our donors to: reach Muslims with the Gospel, expand our outreach, hold seminars to equip Christians, giving resources, as well as research and publish material for truth seekers. We are thankful for the 2017's financial result with only \$10,000 under from the year before.

Funds in total received:

December 2017: \$16,347

January 2018: \$ 6,481

Monthly Need is \$15,000. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide an extra \$425 a month for the next four years, to pay off our zero percent loan for the studio as well as our monthly need. If you are mailing your gift, please use the envelope provided. For online giving, please go to: www.JesusToMuslims.org and click on "Support". Donations are tax deductible.