

August 17

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand it is God's goal to bring all people together regardless of their skin color or nationality? Do I see myself as God sees me, as a part of Christ's body and bride? Are my actions and words helpful in bringing people together in the church? Or, do I drive people apart by saying things that are divisive, critical or unnecessary to repeat?

1 **God is planning a day when He will be united with many nations** — *Zechariah 2:11* *And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.*

What does this verse tell me about God's attitude toward all people and races?

What examples of God's effort to be with me can I praise Him for?

2 **I am an individual part of Christ's body** — *1 Corinthians 12:27* *Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*

In what ways do I behave like a part of the body of Christ?

Why does Satan want me to think that I'm unworthy to be a part of the body?

3 **I am to seek unity (but not uniformity)** — *Romans 12:16* *[Be] of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

In what ways do I exhibit that I am seeking to be of the same mind?

What kinds of things could I do to be like minded with other believers?

Holy Spirit, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Romans 16

Evening: Psalms 97, 98, 99