

Bridgeway Community Church
Series: United When Divided
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The Battle Never Lost

He has NEVER lost a battle. Our God can do anything but fail. You plus God equals a majority.

As a nation we have gone through: tremendous turmoil, division & dissension, sickness & death, racial strife & political mire.

I want to remind you of who God is, who you are and whose we are.

Isaiah 26:3

You [The Lord] will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast,
because he trusts in you.

[With the election of Kamala Harris as Vice-President] History has been broken and has an emotional impact on people whether it's women or it's people of color.

The last saying of a Gracist is 'I will celebrate with you.'

Rejoicing when the humble and less fortunate among are helped

To Trump Supporters: God has never lost a battle, he is sovereign over the universe

Psalms 20:7

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

The problem in America is that we often divide ourselves on so many different things.

COLOR

Red vs Blue

Red - Republican Party

Blue - Democratic Party

Red concerns - economy, small business growth, corporate deregulation, less taxes, pro-life, anti-abortion, pro law and order at home, pro military abroad, pro traditional marriage, anti-gay agenda, stemming the tide of immigration, building a wall, etc.

If these are your concerns, remember: God is in control!

Blue concerns - social & racial justice, welfare programs for the poor and marginalized, pro-choice for women regarding abortion, marriage equality for same-sex couples, economic disparities between the super rich and the rest, free education for college, environmental justice, health care for all Americans, etc.

Is one vote more 'Christian' than the other? As believers we have to be careful not to allow ourselves to be divided just because the world has divided itself into a two party system.

As Gracists, lets remember, that we are neither red or blue. We're purple!

The purple color is more about God than it is about government

The color Purple is the color of victory and royalty

Purple is God's color

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...⁹ But you are a chosen people, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light...¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as **aliens and strangers** in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Ephesians 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

As followers of Christ, we are royal immigrants

Proverbs 31:22

She [the virtuous woman] makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

Daniel 5:29

Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

Mark 15:16-20

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷ They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹ Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Lift your eyes above the red and the blue to the Lord.

Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

MASCOTS/ANIMALS

There are not just colors, but also mascots/animal symbols.

GOP = elephant

Dems = donkey

We are not about the agenda of the elephant or the donkey but of the lamb.

Isaiah 53:6-7

We all, like **sheep**, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a **lamb** to the slaughter, and as a **sheep** before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

There is only ONE savior, Jesus Christ, the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the **Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Our agenda is the lamb's agenda.

We are dependent on a shepherd - someone to carry us, to care for us, to feed us, to lead us, to protect us

John 10:4

When he [the shepherd] has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his **sheep** follow him because they know his voice.

Isa 53:8-10,12

By oppression and judgment he was taken away.

And who can speak of his descendants?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering

¹² For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Revelation 5:12

In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the **Lamb**, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

7 Accolades of Praise - the opposite of a lamb!

1. Power
2. Wealth
3. Wisdom
4. Strength
5. Honor
6. Glory
7. Praise

Revelation 5:13

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth
and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the **Lamb** be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

The royalty that you and I have is because of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.