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Disunity in Christ, book reading report.

I have the opportunity to read this book, disunity in Christ, written by Cleveland Christena, which gives us a lot of insights about the hidden forces that keep the church and the community apart today. Although there are many other ways we could use as resources to talk about the real cause that ravaging our community and churches but Cleveland made it clear in her book. for example, oftentimes there is disunity in the body of Christ because of the tension of racial issue that exists in our midst, like gender differences, different of color or demographic, financial differences, education and cross-cultural differences all these conceptions play a major role in disunity in the body of Christ. So, we are going use disunity in Christ's book, written by Cleveland Christena as our main source to state our point of view on how Cleveland in her book interpreted and understood the disunity that exists in the body of Christ today.

I support Cleveland's idea when she asked the question: if Christians are supposedly about love, why do we seem to fight so much? the answer is because of many churchgoers in our time today try hard to redefine the true meaning of Christianity, for indeed Christianity is about love, that is the reason why the Scripture stated: For God so loved the world that He gave His

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one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV).

We as Christians who believe in Jesus-Christ should manifest that same love toward each other by loving and caring for each other, to the point if need be to even die for each other like Christ did when He accepted to die on the cross for humanity's sin.

So, we could love each other, by accepting each other, the way they are, even though we may be different in color, financially different, educationally different or different in gender, but we must have Jesus' attitude, because that is what creates diversity amongst us and diversity came directly from God, when God confused the language of men at the construction of the tower of Babel, after the flood of Noah. Genesis 11:9

Instead of loving and accepting other Christians who are different like us, many Christians rather put a label by differentiating wrong Christians and right Christians as Cleveland mentioned in her book, and this spirit of the judgment of wrong Christians and right Christians is number one unity destroyer in the body of Christ today because it takes pride and selfishness for someone to classify him or her (self) as right Christian and consider others as wrong Christians. Oftentimes the things which people use as evidence to label wrong Christians and right Christians are foolish because they came from their ego and their emotions. So, the sad part of the story is, even though the idea of classifying other Christians who are different like us as wrong Christian and right Christians is a personal experience of Cleveland, but it is the reality that we are facing in the body of Christ today, because the spirit of judgment and prejudice is the main reason, which causes racial tension and division in our churches and the community where we live.

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In fact, as Christians, what should we do to eliminate racial tension and division in our community? I think as Christians, we should embrace the character and be like Christ because when we glance at the Bible, we saw that how Jesus redefined the term of mother, father, brother, sister or people who look like us because Jesus declared: who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Mat 12:48-50 (NIV) Therefore, all believers should have the same attitude as Jesus by rejecting the spirit of judgment and prejudice, and lift up on other Christians who are different like us, the label of wrong Christians and right Christians. And we must know that we are all brother and sister in the body of Christ, no matter what race and color or intellectual background we may from, but as soon as we believe in Jesus, we are brother and sister, and we are one in the body of Christ.

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