

INTRODUCTION

- divisions have separated Christians for a long time...

- safe and comfortable in the middle

Rev. 3:15-16

*1. Speak what is true and unifying (3:8)*

- speak confidently (of these things)
- be careful to engage in good deeds

*Biblical unity comes as a result of a mutual embrace of biblical truth.*

*2. Silence what is false and divisive (3:10-11)*

- the persistent problem of false teachers

Tit. 1:10-11

- silence those who promote what is false

+ avoid foolish controversies

2 Tim. 2:14-23

+ avoid foolish genealogies

- silence those who promote what is divisive

+ "factious"

+ "reject" such a one

Mt. 18:15-18

Rom. 16:17-18; 2 Thess. 3:14-15

+ "perverted" and "self-condemned"

CONCLUSION