



Identity Profiles

Sameness of Mind

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

**“Be perfectly joined together
in the same mind and in the same judgment”**

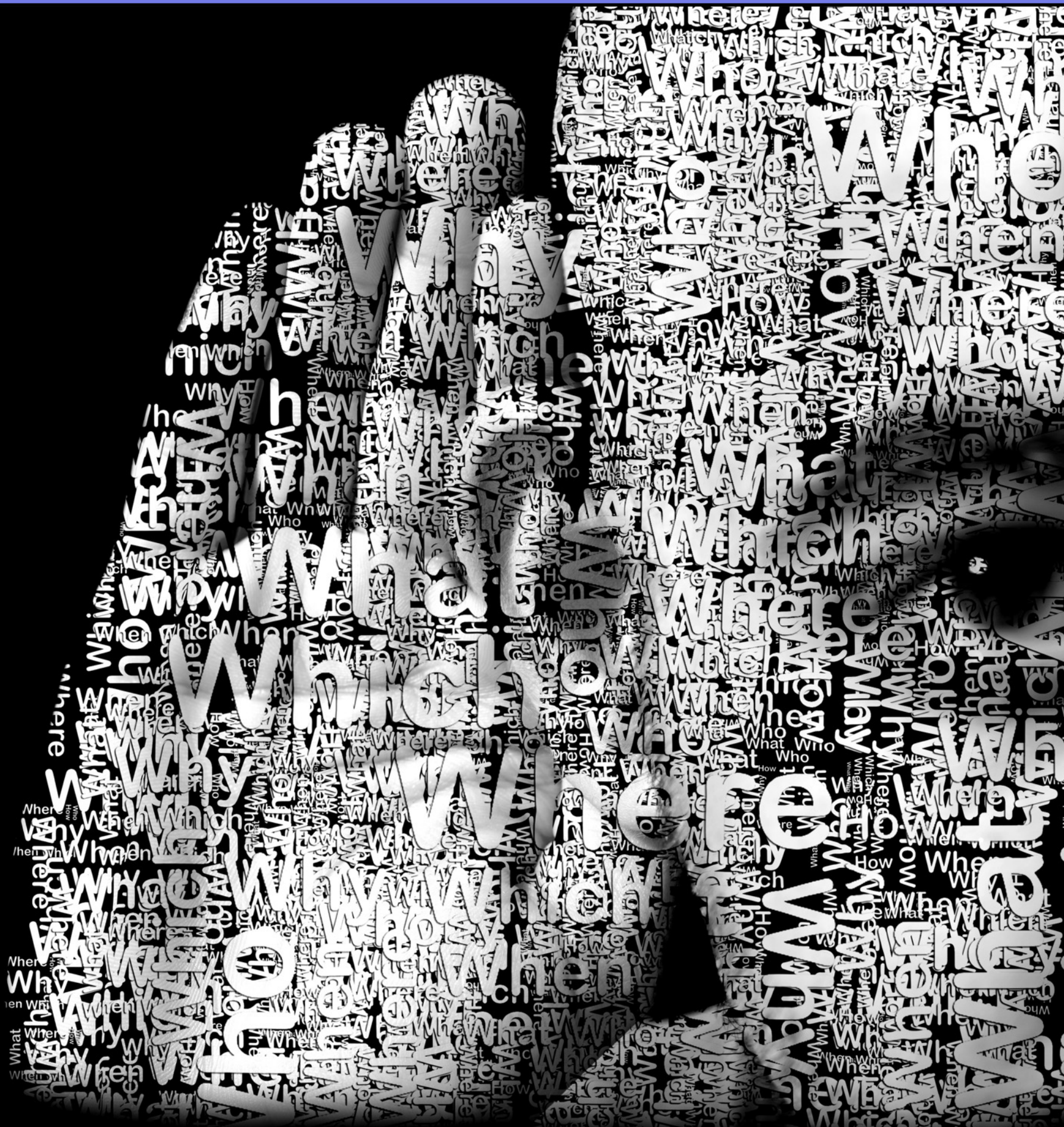
What is required from each of us and from all of us.

Three Components of the Problem: Not Two

- Doctrine
- Fellowship Practice
- and...

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Differing Minds

The Perils of Dispute

In other words:



How can we less like that and more like this?





names and image

interaction between **perception** and **labels**



How people perceive labels and their substance.

The mind of any populace associates a name with everything it stands for.



Labels mean more than what they say.

Substance **means more** than **what it is made of**.

My Occupation: **Corporate Identity**

- How brands work: **names embody HUGE perceptions in the mind**
- The purpose of names: to **identify** and **differentiate in the mind**
- Result: names can be supercharged with **intellect** and **emotion**
- Three branding models: **monolithic** / **conglomerate** / **diversified**

People will not drink **either** of these from the **other's** label.

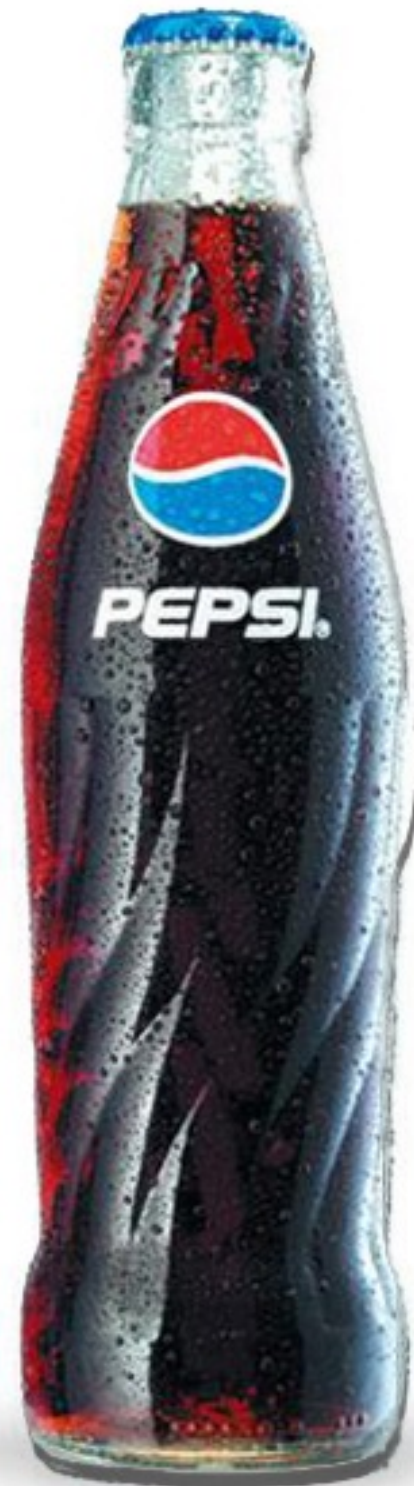


People won't drink one drink with both labels.

WHICH IS IT?



They won't drink **Coke** from a **Pepsi** bottle.



NOT A COKE



They won't drink **Pepsi** from a **Coke** bottle.



They won't drink either one as just Cola.



The **substance** must be recognized as **the same**.

Sameness is *assured* by **one label**.

God's **mind** and His **name**

how scripture applies the principle to **God**

God's mind, His name, and His purpose

God is identified by His purpose in us, *from his name:*

I am that I am.

I am He who will be **manifested** in whom I will be.

Christ's **mind** and his **name**

how scripture applies the principle to **Jesus**

God's **mind** manifested in his son as His **logos**.

Savior and Messiah

Jesus is identified by his purpose as **Savior** and **Messiah**:

1st manifestation: **Jesus** deals with sin on a **personal** level

2nd manifestation: **Christ** deals with sin on a **global** level

our **minds** and our **name**

how these principles apply **to us**

LABELS, SUBSTANCE, & PERCEPTION

Why Christadelphians should coalesce into one Body,
under one name, with one Statement of Faith.

Christadelphians and **name identification**

- **3 Branding Models:** Monolithic / Conglomerate / Diversified

For Christadelphians:

- **Conglomerate won't work** because it would be seen as *interdenominational*.
- **Diversified won't work** because it would be seen as *ecumenical*.
- **Monolithic is the only model that will work** for Christadelphians. It is scriptural because it is perceived as “**One body.**” (Internally and externally.)

Separate **identities** define division.

“Let there *be no division* among you.”

Paul made the same point:

1 COR 1:10-13

1 Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that ye all speak the same thing**, and that **there** be no divisions among you; but that ye be **perfectly joined together** in the **same mind and in the same judgment**. 11 For it has been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are **contentions** among you. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, **I am of Paul**; and **I of Apollos**; and **I of Cephas**; and **I of Christ**.

1 Cor 1:13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

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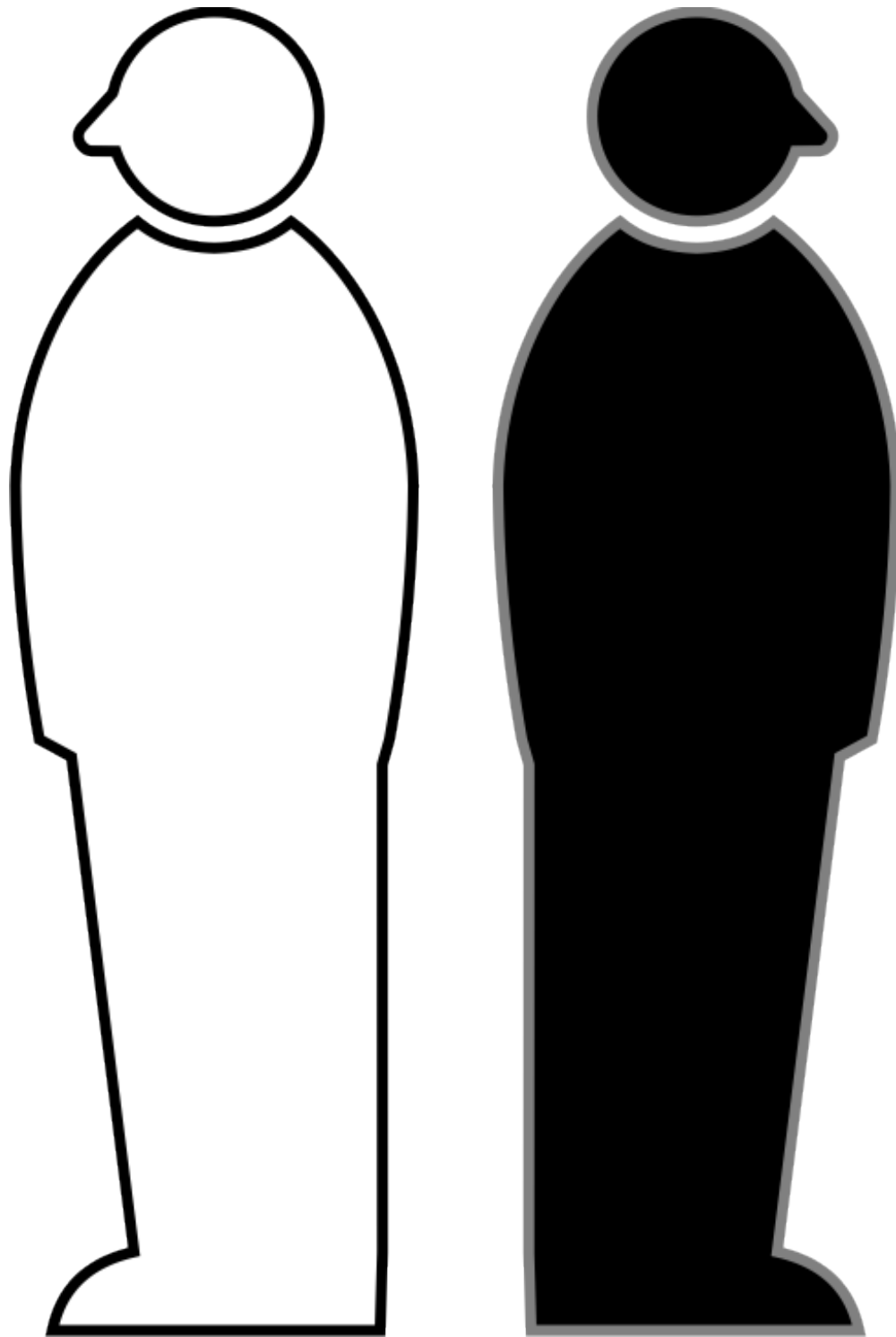
1 COR 3:4-9

1 Cor 3:4 For while one saith, **I am of Paul**; and another, **I am of Apollos**; are ye not carnal? 5 **Who then is Paul**, and **who is Apollos**, but **ministers by whom ye believed**, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but **God that giveth the increase**. 8 Now **he that planteth and he that watereth are one**: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are **coworkers together** with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Same **names** with separate identities is confusing.

our **minds** and our **practice**

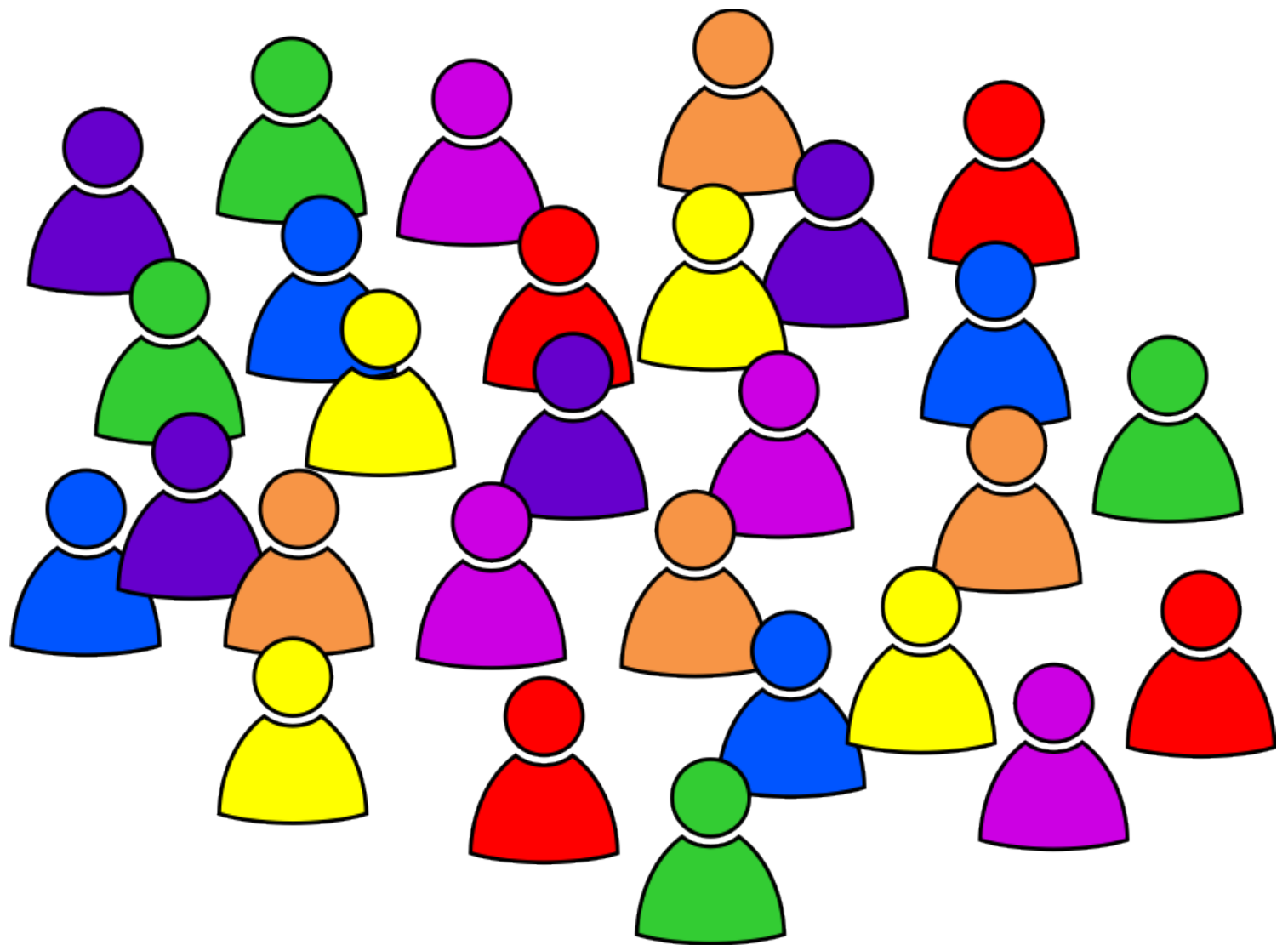
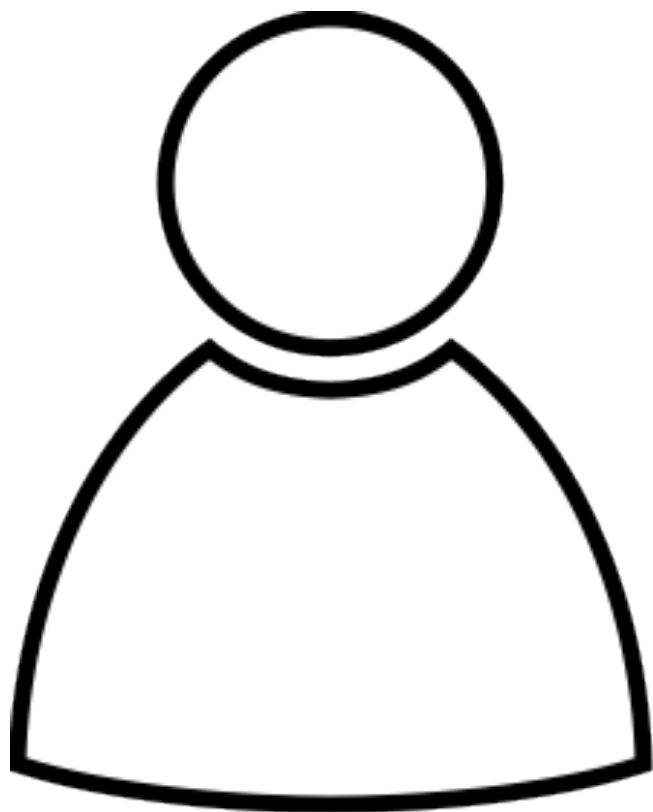
interaction between **labels** and perception



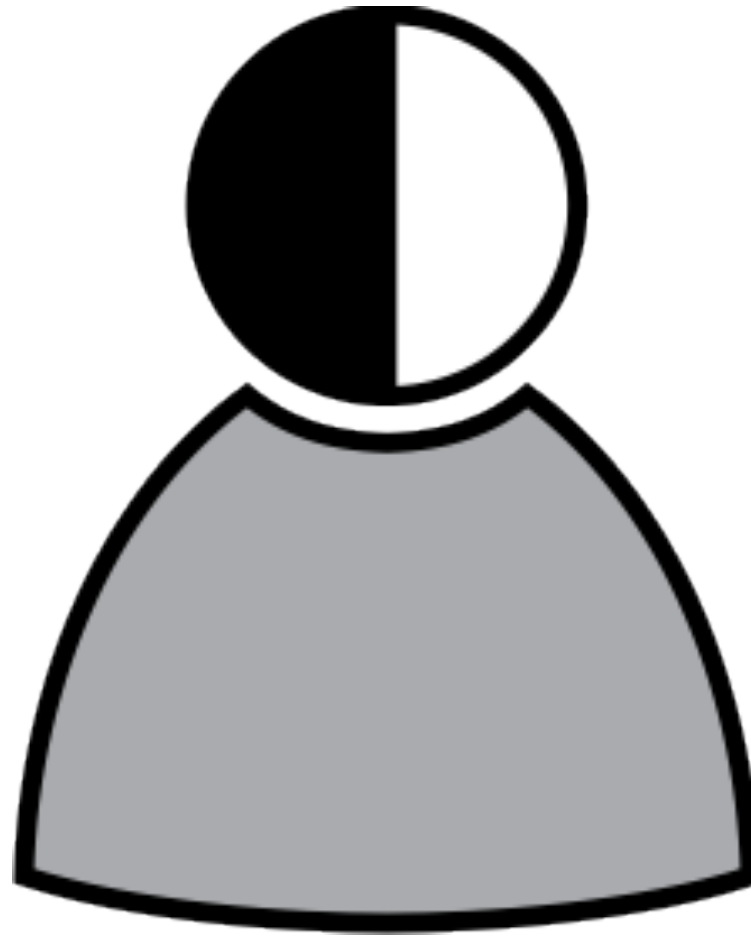
“Be of the **same mind.**”

What does that mean?

At baptism: clean

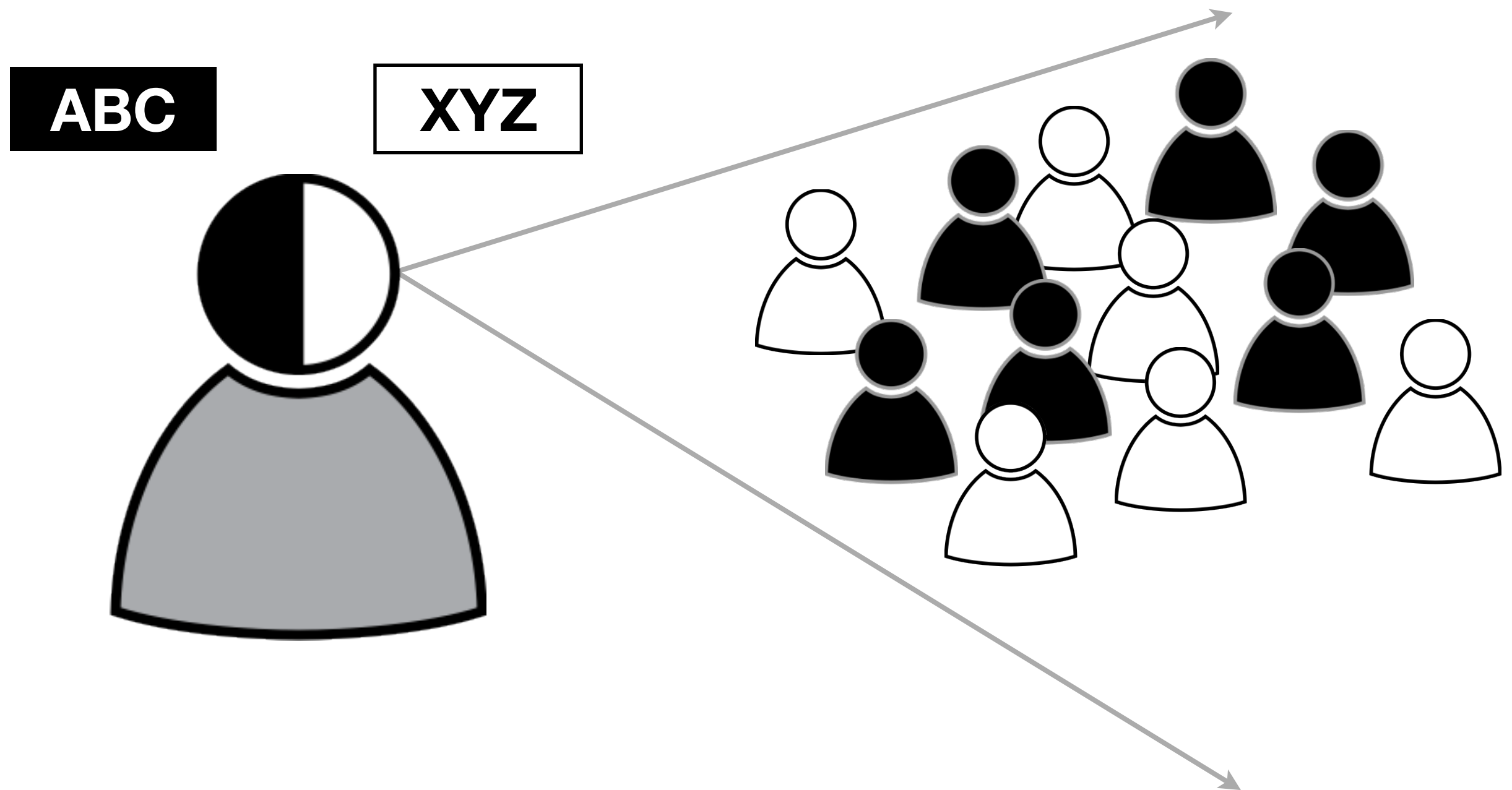


“A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” James 1:8



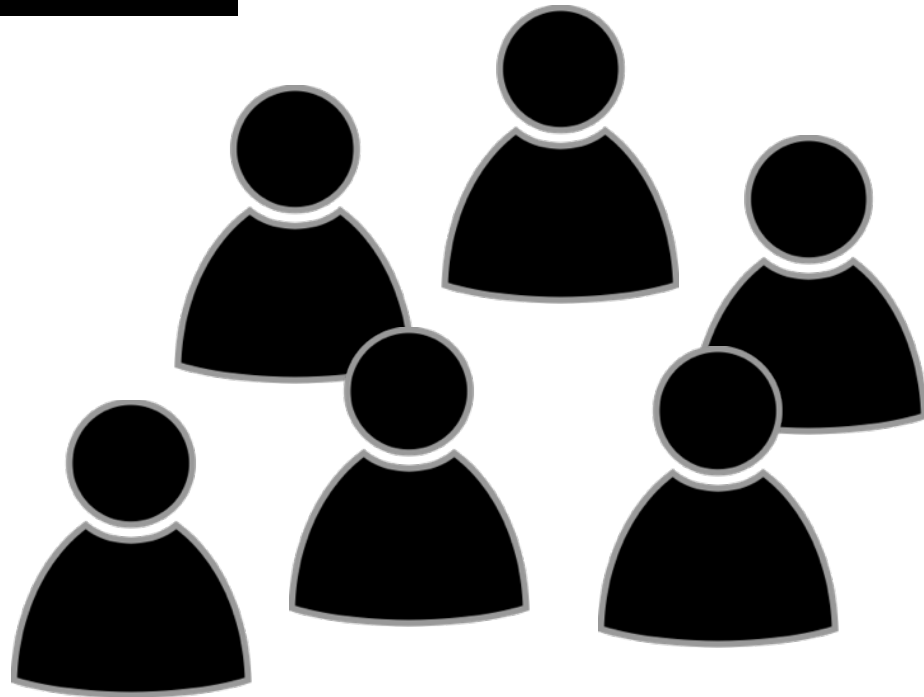
A double minded mind is a divided mind.

A divided mind leads to **ambivalence**

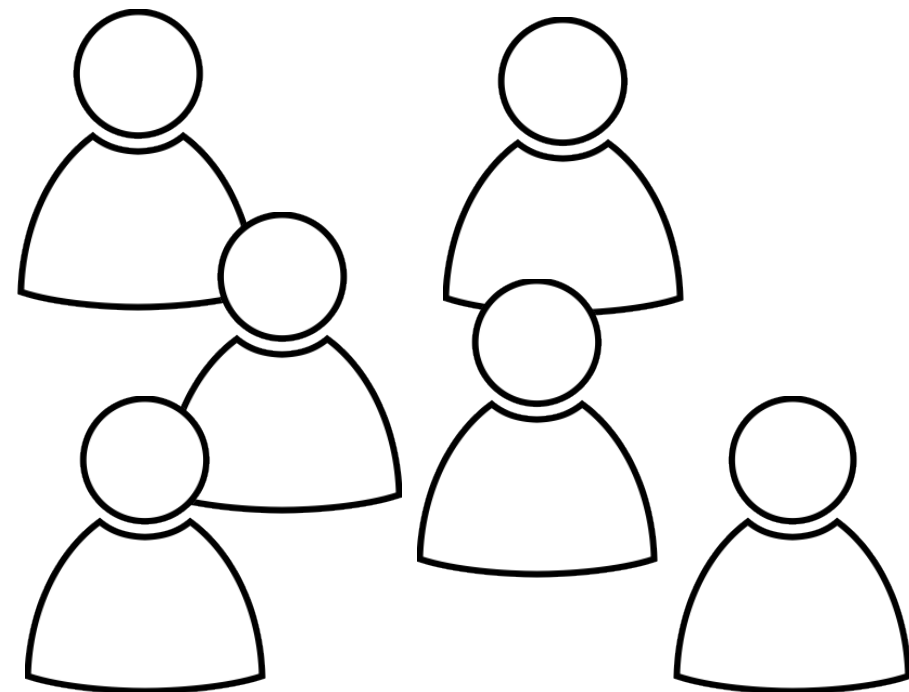


divided minds lead to divided brethren.

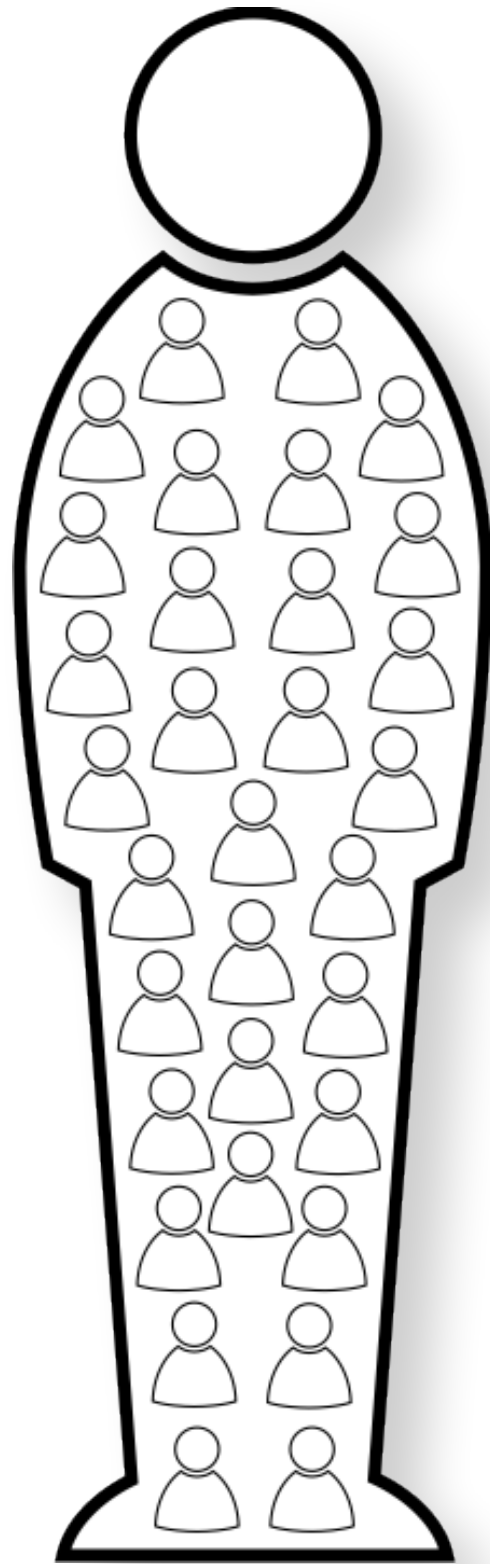
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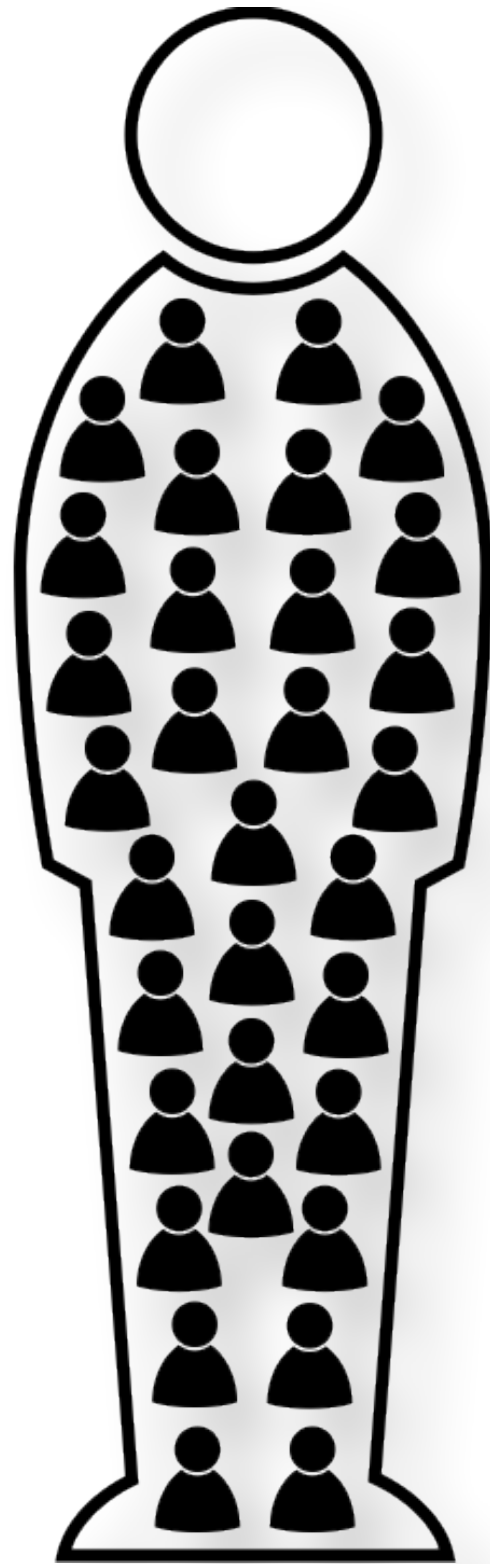
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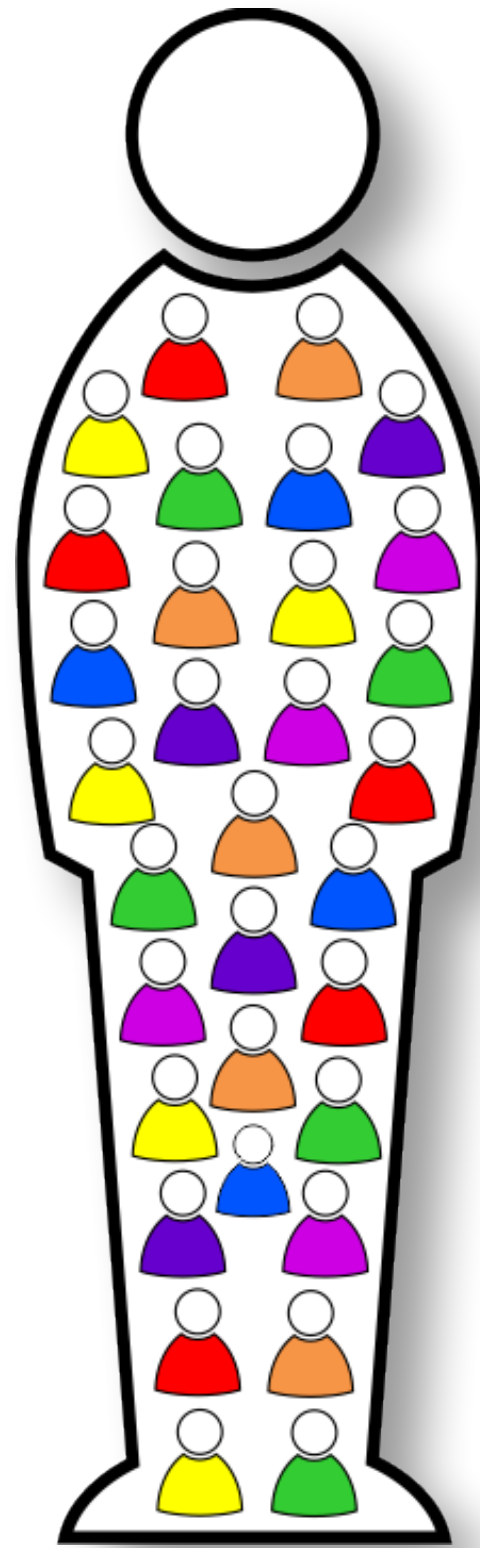
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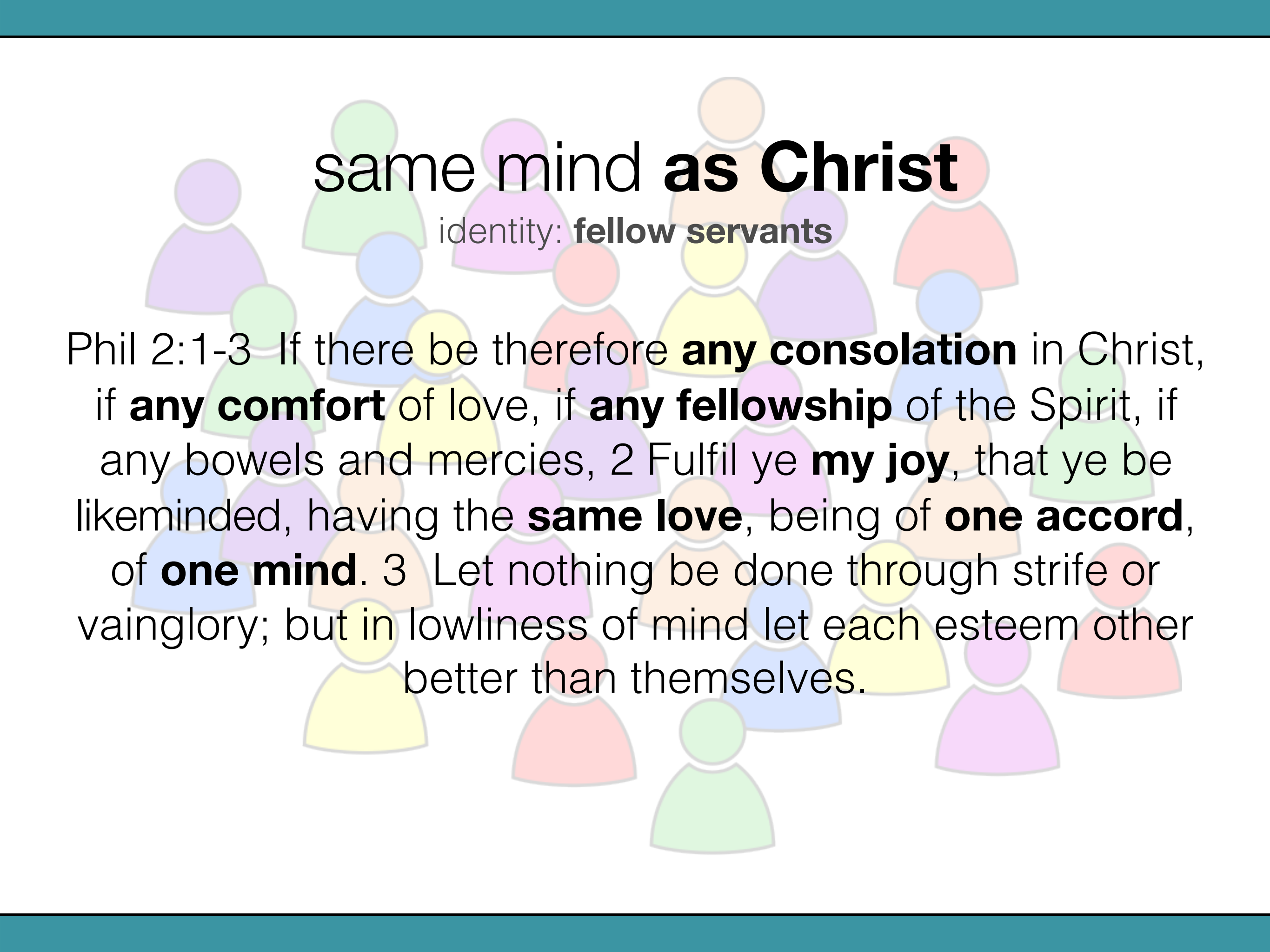
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Two fellowships don't make one Body.



“Be One:” same **mind**, same **judgment**, same **name**, same **SOF**.

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same mind as Christ

identity: **fellow servants**

Phil 2:1-3 If there be therefore **any consolation** in Christ, if **any comfort** of love, if **any fellowship** of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye **my joy**, that ye be likeminded, having the **same love**, being of **one accord**, of **one mind**. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.