***Simon Says – Live in Harmony*** 8-29-21

*Bottom Line: If we truly represent Christ, we must strive for unity in His body.*

**Introduction:**

 A. There is nothing that sounds better than good four-part harmony!

 1. Competition quartet in High School – chorus years

 2. Gospel groups, Acappella, Gaither Vocal, The Martins, Pentatonics, and favorite hymns

 B. How does it work? Harmony: the combination of simultaneous musical notes in a chord; a pleasing arrangement of parts.

 1. Example of how harmony works

 2. Song: Jesus Loves Me (chorus only – Key of C)

 C. Peter’s challenge: 1 Peter 3:8-9 “Finally, live in harmony”

 1. Conclusion to his call for submission & following Jesus

 2. Four parts: sympathetic, love as brother, compassionate, and humble

 D. What is so special about harmony?

**1. Harmony means being different but supportive!**

 A. Gifts and talents to edify and encourage one another

 B. Called to bless! Vs.9 (“Love One Another” = harmonic)

 C. Phil.2:1-4, thinking about others

**2. Harmony means different but essential!**

 A. Families are united, but each person is different!

 B. Without differences, how would we learn to give?

 C. Eph.4:15-16, “each part does it’s work”

**3. Harmony means being different but beautiful!**

 A. When a plan comes together it is beautiful! BA!

 B. God’s plan in Christ – From the cross to the resurrection!

 C. In Christ, God’s plan comes together – Rom.12:5-8

**Conclusion:**

A. What does it mean to be the body of Christ?

 \* 1 Cor.12:24-26, all important and essential

 \* vs.27, it is what we are

B. What do we look like? Body = Jesus; also the Bride of Christ! Both mean we look good to God!