SINGLE ALLIANCE 060406 You Are Unique

I. Unique

- A. You are unique in your creation
 - 1. Fingerprint
 - 2. Personality
- B. You are unique in your natural giftings
- C. You are also unique in your new birth
 - 1. 1 Cor. 15:41-42
 - 2. Jesus shined through his body: so will we!
- D. We each have a unique spiritual gift and calling
 - 1. Romans 12:4-6
 - 2. We all have been given a stewardship or office to fulfill
- E. We have a unique race or course to run
 - 1. 1 Cor. 9:24-25
 - 2. 2 Tim. 4:7
 - 3. Hebrews 12:1
- F. Many run in races back then and today. But how many are running your course that God has given you to run? One one- you.
- H. You might be looking at others progressing along quickly but you are still stuck in life with the same job, same sickness, same financial situation. Maybe you have failed and have given up. You might be sitting down feeling sorry for yourself. I have good news for you today. Get up, you are in the lead! No one is ahead of you or behind you. You are alone in your race. You are winning!

- I. How do you win your race if you are the only one running?
 - 1. Ex. Olympic swim race with one swimmer. You win if you finish, no matter what the time
 - 2. You win by getting up and finishing your course.
- J. Many are trying to run someone else race or course. This makes life real hard because you only have grace to run your race.
- K. Are you off your course? You cannot finish the course God has given you if you are off course.
- L. How do you get back on course if you are off. 1 John 1:9. Get back into the race.
- M. You are unique. Stop trying to compare yourself with others. That is like comparing apples and oranges.
- N. Stop envying others. You are the best in the World or in the history of the world at being you. No one can do it like you! Value increases with rarity. Do not settle to be a cheap imitation!
- O. God has a unique calling on your life and others need you. Have you answered that call? Are you doing what God has uniquely gifted you to do in the church and your occupation?
- P. Grace and favor will flow when you get into God's plan.
 - 1. Paul getting in line with God when he turned to the Gentiles to preach instead of Jews.
 - 2. You will not recieve grace unless you are on the course God has given you.

Q. Have you grown weary and given up because your race seems too hard? Are you running in your own strength? God never intended you to run your race in your own strength. Hebrews 12:2 says run looking unto Jesus. When you look at Jesus things happen. You recieve the power of God. Q. Pray