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LESSON 11

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## UNITED FOR UKRAINE

In a time when American politics is seemingly more factional than ever, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has united Americans to a refreshing degree. Early this month, results were released from an ABC/*Washington Post* poll about the war. A whopping seventy-six percent of Americans polled were in favor of providing even more support to Ukraine in the form of humanitarian aid. There are many factors involved here, experts say, but one reason for this show of support is Americans' love of a heroic figure. "The image of a young and charismatic leader courageously leading his country in a time of war has also galvanized support," said George Washington University assistant professor Michelle Kelso. She said that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy "is, for us, an underdog. We love the underdog in this country."

## **UNITED IN FREEDOM IN CHRIST**

When Judaizers from Jerusalem came to the church in Galatia, Paul was concerned that the new believers there would fall away from the grace of the free gift of salvation in Christ. He wrote to them, stressing that there are no superior/inferior divisions within humanity when it comes to Christ. Before salvation, all people are united under the condemnation of sin because of the Law. And after salvation, all those who believe in Christ are united in their freedom from bondage. Against those who want to put them again into slavery, believers must stand firm in Christ.

- 1. What are your hopes and fears regarding the war in Ukraine?
- 2. When have you found yourself unexpectedly united with someone you would not normally connect with?
- 3. Why does Paul need believers to understand that all social, ethnic, racial, and other divisions are erased in Christ?

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