



PEACEMAKER
MINISTRIES

“BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE ... in our homes and in our church”

Part 2 (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Unity has an irresistible power.

1. What is the nature of Christian unity?

- People do not _____ unity – _____ does (Eph. 4:3; 2:22).
- Christian unity is “being one in spirit and purpose” to _____ Jesus Christ and _____ to others (John 17:23; Phil. 2:2; Rom. 15:5-6).

2. Five commitments needed to cultivate, maintain and demonstrate unity:

- A commitment to _____ Jesus Christ above all things and to _____ all of our mini-agendas for His sake (Eph. 4:1, 15-16; Matt. 22:37; Gal. 2:20).
- A commitment to sound _____, which never sacrifices the _____, but always prioritizes it in a spirit of _____ (Eph. 4:4-6, 13, 15, 16; Phil. 3:15).
- A commitment to develop Christ-like _____, especially _____ and _____ (Eph. 4:2; Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:8).
- A commitment to respect and pursue God-given _____ and accept one another as Christ has accepted us (Eph. 4:11; Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Col. 3:11; Rom. 15:7).

Unity is not the same as _____. The church at its best should be like an _____, with many different instruments blending together under one

conductor to play complementary parts in one glorious composition.

- A commitment to strive earnestly and prayerfully to pursue _____, resolve conflict, and preserve relationships despite personal differences (Eph. 4:3; Prov. 19:11; Luke 6:27-28; Rom. 12:18; Gal. 6:1).
- ### 3. The evidence and fruit of unity:
- A _____ of shared lives, with people regularly meeting, eating, praying, worshiping, and reaching decisions together (Acts. 1:14; 2:46; Rom. 12:16; 1 Pet. 3:8).
 - No worldly _____ based on race, gender, age, or economic status (Gal. 3:26-29).
 - A commitment to seek genuine _____ and _____ rather than an imposed uniformity (Phil. 2:1-4).
 - People feel a _____ to respectfully _____ with one another (Phil. 3:15).
 - Work _____ toward common kingdom goals and invest our spiritual and material resources far more effectively (Acts 4:32-37).
 - _____ relationships (Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:12-15).
 - Enhance our _____ for Christ (John 17:23; 13:34-35).

Conclusion: True Christian unity can provide a _____ and _____ witness to the world.

Challenge: What will you do today, by God’s grace, to cultivate, maintain, and demonstrate unity in your marriage, family, workplace, or here at church?