

A Purpose Worth Living For
“An Unshakeable Unity”
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Part 3



1. What Is Unity?

- Unity is NOT _____
I Cor 12:12-13 “The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.” (NLT)
- Unity is differences _____
I Cor. 12:18-21 “But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” (NLT)

2. Why Is Unity So Important?

- Only unity represents the _____
Rom. 14:9 “So then, let us aim for **harmony** in the church and try to build each other up.” (NLT)
- Only unity can accomplish _____
I Cor. 1:10 “I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in **harmony** with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.” (NLT)
- Only unity represents Jesus _____
John 17:23 “I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.” (NLT)
- Only unity receives the Lord’s _____
Ps. 133:3 **Harmony** is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.” (NLT)
- Only unity experiences _____
II Cor. 13:11 “Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in **harmony** and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.” (NLT)

3. How Do I Practice Unity?

Rom. 15:5 “May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete **harmony** with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.” (NLT)

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Take comfort in the fact that God wants to help us with this. It's not easy!

- Acknowledge your _____
*Rom. 12:16 "Live in **harmony** with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!" (NLT)*
- Embrace _____
James 3:13 "If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom." (NLT)
Rom. 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." (NLT)
Phil. 2:3-4 "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." (NLT)
- Be submissive for a _____
Eph. 5:21 "...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." (ESV)
- Commit to _____
*Col. 3:14 "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect **harmony**." (NLT)*

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Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it easier to expect uniformity rather than unity? Is unity threatening?
2. Describe where you see unity happening. Remember unity is "differences working together." How does unity make us stronger while uniformity makes us weaker?
3. How does unity either enhance your purpose or if unity is lacking, destroy your purpose?
4. Discuss the 5 reasons given why unity is so important in the church. What happens in the church when unity is eroded?
5. Four ways were given on how we can practice unity within the church. Discuss each one and the struggle of living out each practical step.
6. What is one practical step you can take to work on unity?

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