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## One Body, One Spirit, One Witness

### We Must Remain Unified As Believers, Uniting Our Diversity To Serve And Glorify God

**Ephesians 4:1-6** - *Therefore, I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. <sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.*

#### **1. Unity Is God's Idea.**

**John 17:20-23** - *"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. <sup>22</sup> "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup> 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.*

#### **The Church's Unity Is Missional**

#### **2. Unity Isn't Uniformity.**

**1 Corinthians 12:12, 14, 27** - *The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. <sup>14</sup> the body has many different parts, not just one part. <sup>27</sup> All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.*

#### **Diversity Is Not A Threat To Unity; It Is Essential For It To Happen**

#### **3. Love Is the Implementation of Unity.**

**Colossians 3:12-14** - *Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.*

**Unity Is Maintained By Christlike Love, Not By Agreement.**

**4. Unity Must Be Protected.**

**1 Corinthians 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.*

**Unity Naturally Drifts Towards Division Unless It's Actively Defended**

**5. A United Church Glorifies God.**

**Romans 15:5-6** - *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. <sup>6</sup> Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**The Goal Of Unity Isn't Just Peace, But Worship And Example**