

A Unified Church Church Clearly – Part 2

Ephesians 4:1-6
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"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel!" Philippians 1:27

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in peace!" Psalms 133:1

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me." John 17:20-21

UNITY IN OUR CHURCH REQUIRES US ...

1. TO HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE.

"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. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Ephesians 4:1-2

- **Humility that produces gentleness.**
- **Patience expressed in love.**

2. TO GIVE THE EXTRA EFFORT.

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace" Ephesians 4:3

"So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up." Romans 14:19

3. TO UNDERSTAND OUR COMMON FOCUS.

"For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all." Ephesians 4:4-6

• 7 Pillars of Biblical Christianity

- **One Body: the Church.**
- **One Spirit: the Holy Spirit.**
- **One Hope: the Return of Jesus.**
- **One Lord: Jesus Christ.**
- **One Faith.**
- **One Baptism.**
- **One God.**