



Doing Life Together Series: Part 2: Maintaining the Unity of The Spirit
Ephesians 4:1-3
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I. Introduction

A. Review – Humility (Philippians 2:3-8)

1. Humility is the foundation/framework for successful “one anothering”
2. Know our identity
3. Trust ourselves to God
4. Empty ourselves, fill up w/Christ

II. Walk in a manner worthy of your calling

- A. Children (Sons) – John 1:12, Romans 8:14, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Galatians 3:26
- B. Heirs – Romans 8:17, Galatians 3:29, Titus 3:7, James 2:5
- C. Temple & Priesthood – 1 Peter 2:5,9
- D. Ministers of reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:16-19

III. Diligently keep the unity of the Spirit w/ the peace that binds us

A. Particular type of unity

- 1 Corinthians 12:3-11, 27

B. Rooted in unity of the Godhead

- John 1:1, 10:30, 1 John 1-3

D. Particular type of peace

1. Ephesians 2:14-15,

IV. How?

A. All humility –

- John 13:14, Romans 12:10, Galatians 5:13, Philippians 2:3, 1 Peter 5:5

B. Gentleness –

- Proverbs 15:1, Romans 14:13, Galatians 6:1-2, Colossians 3:2

C. Patience

1 Corinthians 13:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 2 Tim 2:23-25

D. Accepting one another in love

Romans 15:7, Ephesians 4:2

IV. Results of Unity

A. Maturity – Ephesians 4:13-14

B. Growth – Acts 2:42-47

C. Unity results in the church bearing witness to the reality of Jesus Christ – John 17:23

V. Conclusion – Are you committed to unity within the body?

(Adapted from Thomas Brooks, *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices*, Courtesy of Tim Challies):

1. *Do you spend more time considering evidences of grace in other Christians than you do pondering their sins and weaknesses*
2. *Do you spend more time considering areas of agreement than disagreement?*
3. *Do you renew in your mind and heart what it means to be at peace with God?*
4. *Do you meditate on the unique relationship between Christians?*
5. *Do you count the cost of disunity?*
6. *Are you the first to seek peace and reconciliation?*

Believers are never told to become one; we already are one and are expected to act like it. - *Joni Erickson Tada*

Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance to godly intercourse than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation. - *Charles Spurgeon*