

“The Oneness of The Church Family”

Selected Scriptures

Intro: John 17:20-23; Romans 12:4-5; Col. 1:18

This Christian unity is comparable to the unity found in a flower or a tree. It is something essentially organic and vital (new birth), not something artificially produced. It is something which is inevitable because of its very nature. It is not external, but an internal unity. We do not start with that which is external and then hope to arrive at the internal. We start with the internal and then proceed to express it externally.

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I. Guarding the unity already given.

Eph. 4:1-6; Romans 14:17-19; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; 2 Tim. 1:14
2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Tim. 6:20; Proverbs 6:20

a) Walk together in the unity of truth vs. 1

Eph. Chapters 1-3

- Eph. 1:3—God has blessed us with His spiritual blessings.
- Eph. 1:4-6—We are God’s chosen people according to the kind intention of God’s will, to the praise and glory of His grace.
- Eph. 1:7-8—We have been redeemed and forgiven according to the grace lavished on us.
- Eph. 1:9—According to God’s kind intention He made known to us the mystery of His will (our salvation).
- Eph. 1:13-14—We are sealed as God’s possession by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- Eph. 1:22-23—Jesus is the head over His church and we are His body, the fullness of Him, and He fills our life.
- Eph. 2:1-9—All of us were dead in our trespasses and sins but through God’s mercy, love and grace we have been saved. (made alive in Christ).

- Eph. 2:19-22—We are fellow citizens and are of God's household and are being built together in Christ.
- Eph. 3:6—We are fellow heirs and fellow partakers of the promises in Christ Jesus.
- Eph. 3:17-20—We are rooted and grounded in the Lord's love with the power of God at work within us.

b) Therefore we walk in a manner worthy of God's calling.

4:1; 4:17, 22-24; 4:31-5:2; 5:8; 5:15-16

- Eph. 4:2-3—diligent to preserve unity.
- Phil. 1:27-28—striving together for the faith of the gospel.
- Phil. 2:2—Holy Spirit driven
- Phil. 2:3-5—humble
- Phil. 3:12-17—in the same pursuit

Unity