

Unity in Christ

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"True unity reflects the blessings we have in Christ."

[Ephesians 2:10](#) calls us God's **workmanship** — literally, His *work of art*. The value of a work of art is determined by its maker. And as God paints the masterpiece of sanctification in our lives, one of the first things He paints into the picture is **unity in the Church**.

But here's the honest question: if unity is so important to Jesus — and so desired by Christians — why is authentic unity so rarely experienced? The answer is found in our identity. **Identity in Christ must come before activity for Christ.**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." — [Ephesians 1:3](#)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." — [Ephesians 2:10](#)

I. IN CHRIST, WE ARE BROUGHT [CLOSE](#) — vv. 11-13

Before Christ, we were divided — aliens, strangers, separated by human standards. The world divides over race, culture, politics, social status, and finances. But Christ changes everything.

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." — [Ephesians 2:13](#)

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all." — [Colossians 3:11](#)

Unity = Christ is all and in all.

II. IN CHRIST, [COMPARISON](#) AND [COMPETITION](#) ARE OBLITERATED — vv. 14-15

"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." — [Ephesians 2:14](#)

Whatever arbitrary wall we have set up to divide us — Jesus has broken it down. The insecurities, jealousy, comparison, and division that naturally surface in our hearts are a symptom of something deeper: we were made for relationship with God, sin broke that, and in our frantic effort to convince ourselves of our own value, we pull others down.

"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity... to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace." — [Ephesians 2:15](#)

He hath made us accepted in the beloved." — [Ephesians 1:6](#)

III. IN CHRIST, OUR [IDENTITY](#) IS [SECURED](#) — v. 16

"And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." — [Ephesians 2:16](#)

The Cross is where it all happens. Through Christ's work on the Cross we have:

- Peace with God
- Peace with each other
- A secure identity that doesn't depend on what others think

How do we live this out? Ephesians gives us two practical answers:

A. Humility — [Ephesians 4:1–3](#)

"Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." — [Ephesians 4:1–3](#)

Lowliness and meekness — humility. It's not about me.

B. Serving Others — [Ephesians 4:7, 12–13](#)

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." — [Ephesians 4:7](#)

God has given each of us gifts, abilities, and grace — not to sit on the sideline, but to:

1. Mature the saints
2. Do the work of ministry
3. Encourage and build up the body

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." — [Ephesians 4:13](#)

— *Here Is Everything He Needs* —

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." — [Ephesians 2:8](#)

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