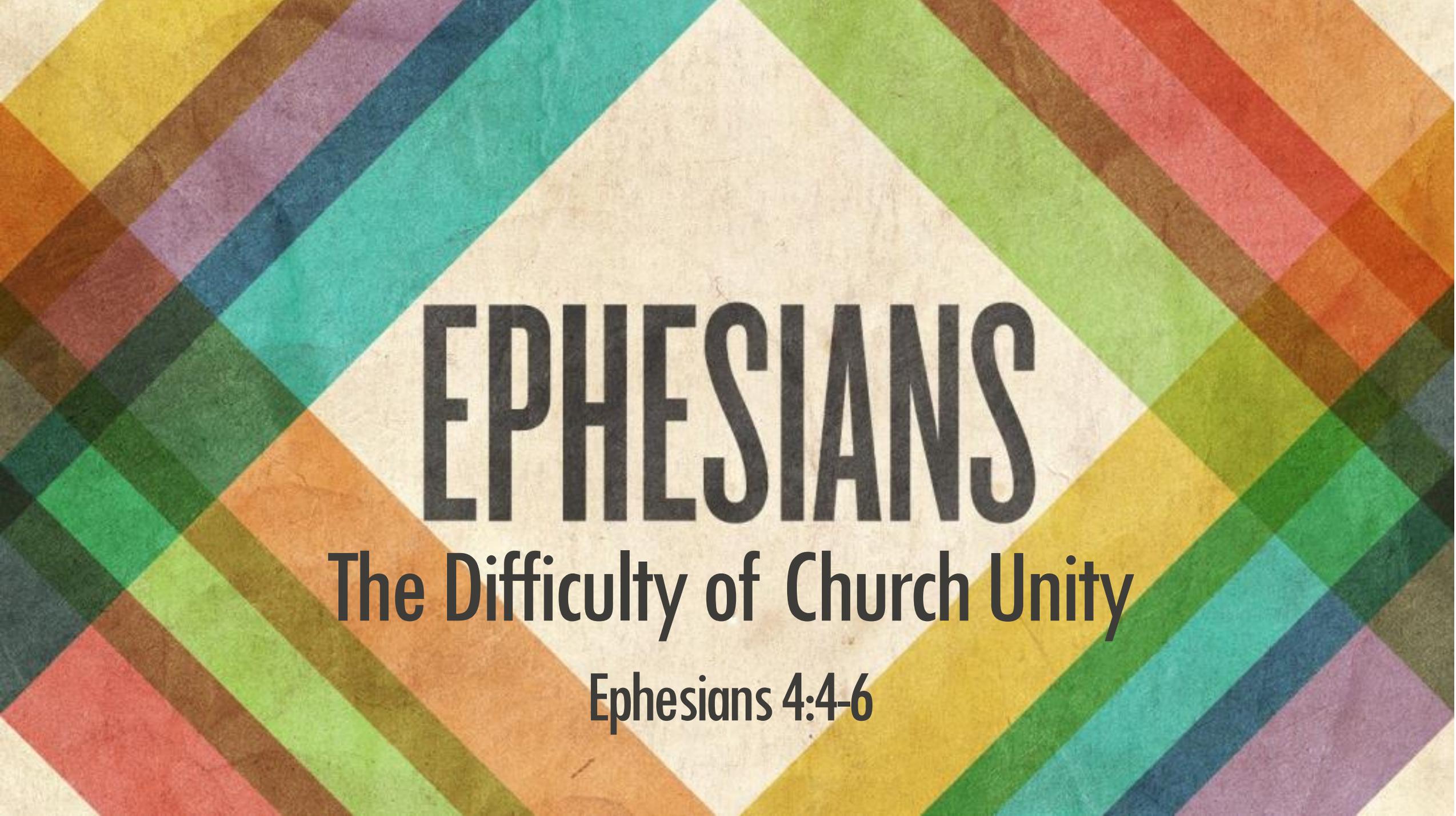




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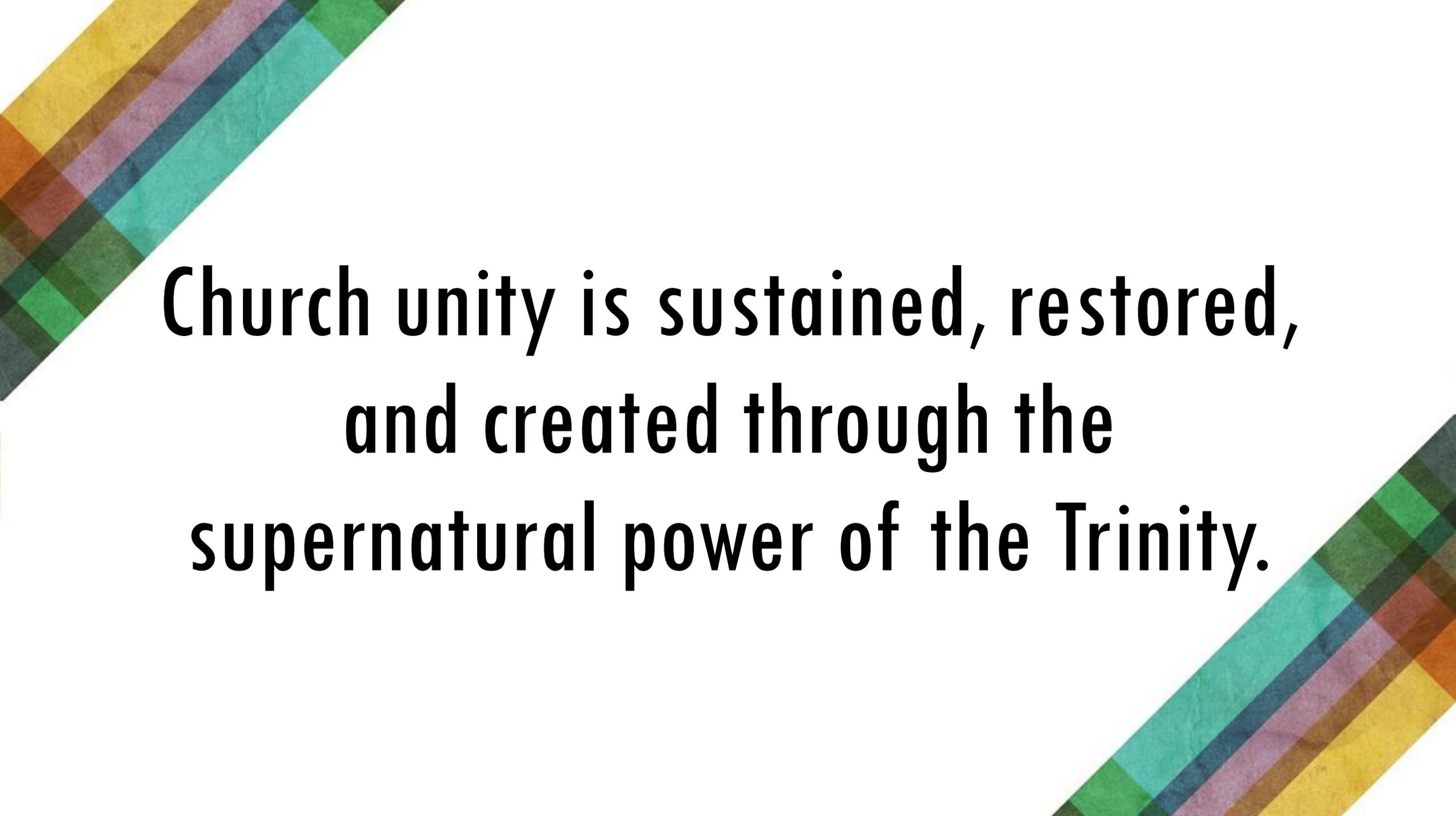
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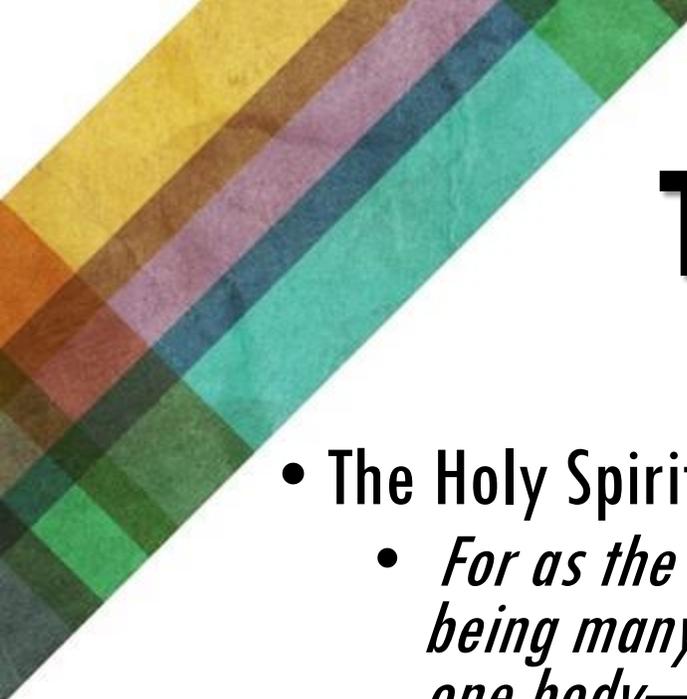
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The Difficulty of Church Unity

Ephesians 4:4-6

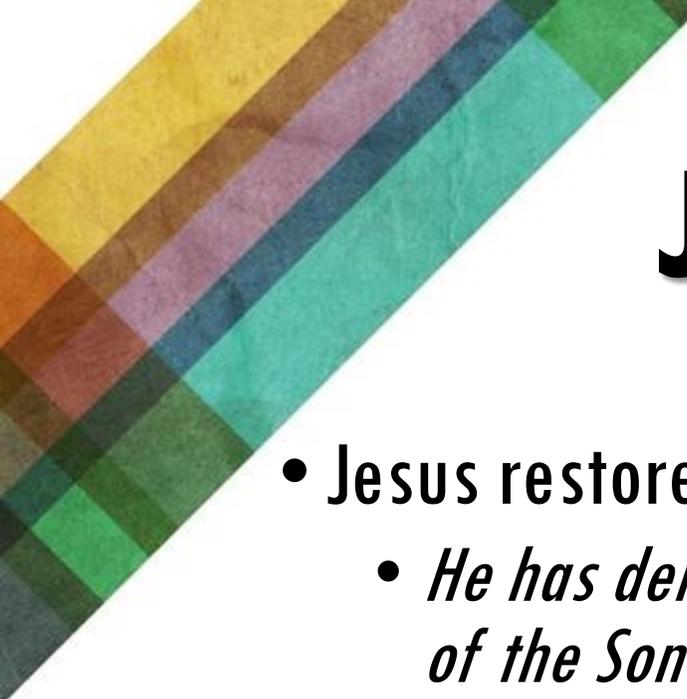


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The Spirit Sustains Unity

- The Holy Spirit is essential for church unity
 - *For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*
1 Corinthians 12:12-13
- The Holy Spirit enables us to love one another
 - *But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*
Colossians 3:14
 - *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.*
1 Peter 1:22-23



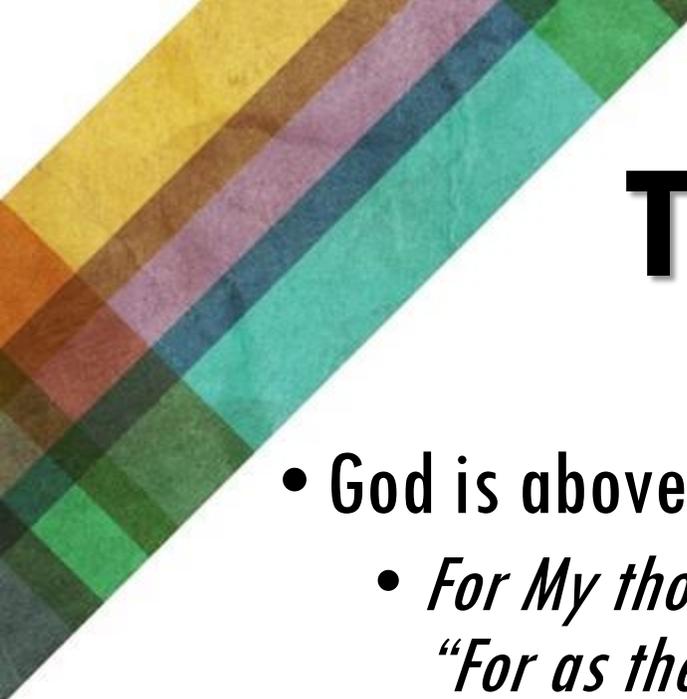
Jesus Restores Unity

- Jesus restores us to our unity with God
 - *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.* Colossians 1:13-14
- Only Jesus can restore our unity with God
 - *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* John 14:6
 - *This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.* Acts 4:11-12



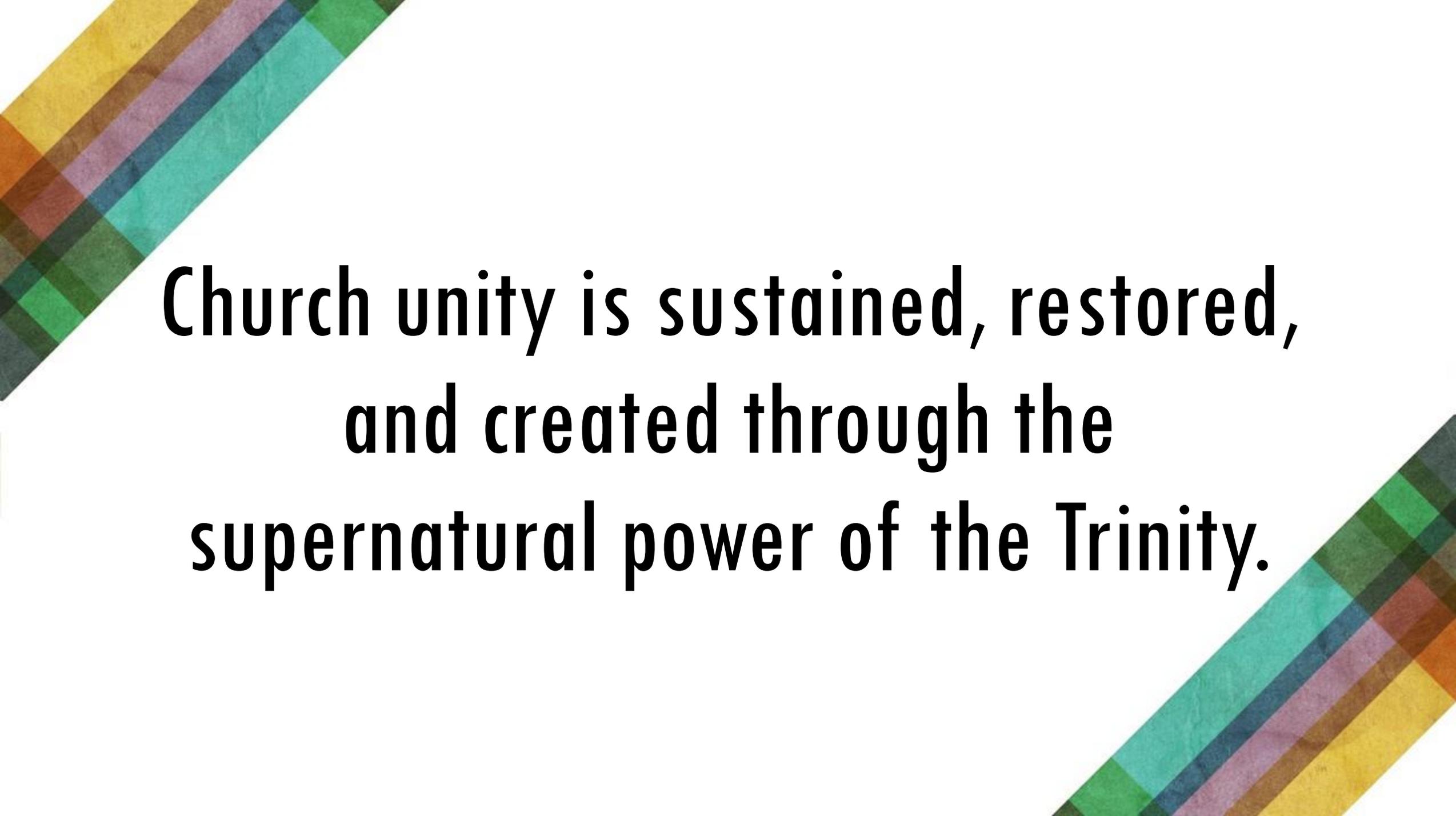
The Father Creates Unity

- The Father creates unity through His unity
 - *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.* Deut 6:4-5
- The Father creates unity because He is Lord of all
 - *Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.* Genesis 1:31
 - *You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.* Exodus 19:4-5



The Father Creates Unity

- God is above all
 - *For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.* Isaiah 55:8-9
- God works through all
 - *But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.* Genesis 50:20
- God is in all of us
 - *If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.* John 14:23

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