

Dr. Mosser's Blog

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of Christian Unity is the 18th through the 25th of January, 2018. During this particular week we ponder and pray about the notion of harmony between Christian brothers and sisters. I suppose we will think about getting along with other religions sometime in the future.

Paul knew something about the difficulties of which unity in the church consisted. He knew about disagreement—often embroiled in the middle of it. But he also knew that concord was important for the Body of Christ; the church. Paul wrote: “Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up building” (Romans 14:19).

Paul appreciated the necessity of unity. There are many things that threaten the unity of the church. Paul endured substantial distress as a messenger of the gospel. Paul also knew firsthand the acrimony—created by the Judaizers and the “enthusiasts,” only in the end conquered by the Holy Spirit—over the issue of the Gentile-Christians. Paul did not want trivialities to destroy the church’s unity ever again. In his letter to the Roman church, Paul clearly states his deepest conviction. He wrote: “If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.”

This week pray that we might be united as God’s people.

**Come, Worship
Stay, Learn
God, Serve**