

Heal Our Land
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John 17:20-23 *"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

Unity in the Bible is to become one.

The church today is an icon of division.

The devil works overtime to divide us.

God in our time is unifying the church.

Four important biblical **truths** concerning unity:

1. God loves unity and hates division and divisive behavior.

Psalm 133:1-3 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life forevermore.

Proverbs 6:16-19 These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren. Most precious unity on ear to God is the unity of His people coming together for His purposes.

2. Satan understands the power of unity and is always working to bring division.

Luke 11:17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.

Division means failure.

Adam was never attacked by the devil until Eve was created.

After the devil attacks Adam and Eve, he divides them and divides them from God. Then he divides Cain and Able and then the world.

Any relationship that works will have to fight the devil to work.

3. Unity never occurs by accident it is the result of hard work and dedication.

Ephesians 4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring [working hard] to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Cursed are the troublemakers for they will become the sons of the devil.

4. Unity occurs as the interest of God and His Kingdom become more important than our own selfish interests.

Unity is impossible where selfishness exists.

Matthew 16:28-29 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Marriage: you can only stay married if the reason for your marriage is greater than the problem you are going through.

The devil is always working through a spirit of self.

Four promises of unity:

1. Unlimited potential.

Genesis 11:1-6 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

Unbelievers in unity can do more than believers undivided.

You reaching your potential will be in unity. Apart from unity you will not reach your potential.

2. Supernatural anointing and blessing from God.

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Oil and water are symbols of the Holy Spirit.

Christian failure: we value being right rather than being unified.

You are better being wrong and united than being right and divided.

3. Supernatural power.

Acts 2:1-4 *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Pentecost was not about power it was about unity.

The Church began 100% unified.

Acts 4:32-33 *Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.*

Whenever you see power you see unity. Power is a liability to something that is not unified.

You can only put power into something that has the integrity to remain together under the force of that power.

4. Answered prayer.

Matthew 18:19-20 *“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”*

1 Peter 3:7 *Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*

We think we can mistreat people and not affect our relationship with God.

Four keys to building and preserving unity:

1. Humbly depend on the Holy spirit with the understanding that we all have the ability to be divisive.

Galatians 5:17-21 *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like . . .*

Galatians 5:22-24 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

The Holy Spirit is the oil that the engine of our emotions was designed to run on.

It is amazing under the influence of the Holy Spirit how godly we can be in difficult circumstances. It is amazing how carnal we can be without the Holy Spirit in our life.

2. Walk in love and focus on the main issues that bring us together.

Ephesians 4:4-5 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

3. Submit to authority.

Romans 13:1-2 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

Submission is only a word because disagreement is a word. When you agree, you don't have to submit. When you disagree, you submit to authority. Be respectful toward authority.

The anti-Christ is called the lawless one.

4. Deal with problems and offenses quickly and biblically.

Ephesians 4:26-27 ["Be angry, and do not sin":] do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:30-32 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

If the devil is going to stop the work of God, he has to divide us.

Jesus has given us everything we need to defeat the devil but we have to value unity and we have to fight division.

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