Introduction:
A. Both history and experience tell us how hard it is for people to _______ ________ with each other.
B. For the better part of a century, many of the leaders of our country have been saying that the answer to all our problems is not found in ____________.
C. The question I would like to raise is: Where did __________ come from?
D. If we are nothing but a decaying piece of matter in a decaying universe and nothing more significant than that, how does it follow that we should live a life of _______ toward _____?
E. Where can we find the help we need to improve and fix our fragmented world?
Answer: It is found in an understanding of who ______ is, who we are as God’s ________, and what _____________ God has given us for life and for well-being.

I. ____________ for Unity (2:1-2)
A. You will notice that verse one contains for “_____” statements.
   1. In our language, if usually conveys __________, but in the Greek grammatical form it expressed ___________ - rhetorical way of saying “________.”
B. Important underlying principle: All Christian response and duty flows naturally from Gods ____________ and ____________ toward us.
C. The unity that Paul appealed to is described in three ways.
   1. It includes being _____________ - united in ________.
   2. It includes having the same _________ - united in ____________.
   3. It includes having the same _________ and purpose - united in __________.
D. This kind of unity is not _______________ - unity in the midst of ____________.

II. ____________ for Unity (2:3-4)
A. Selfishness is the root ____________, and the cause of selfishness is ________.
B. To keep “self” in check, we must put away selfish __________ and vain ________.
C. To keep “self” in check, we must practice ____________.
D. To keep “self” in check, we must place __________ ________ ahead of our own.
E. The greatest example of all was ________.

Conclusion:
A. God has called us to unity - in the ____ , in the ______, and in the ______.
B. The Parable of the ________ ________.
C. Unity in the world is only possible when we practice J.O.Y. = ________ first, ________ second, _____________ last.