“CAN WE ALL GET ALONG?  
ROMANS 12:16 / 6-7-20 / AM

I. FIRST, IT REQUIRES REALIZING THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE DO EXIST.

A. A few years ago a song asked the question, “Why can’t we all be colorblind?”

B. Is colorblindness toward races really the answer?
   1. No, because it would rob a person of their cultural identity.
   2. Paul says the answer is to acknowledge that differences do exist and learn to deal with it --Romans 12:13.

II. SECOND, IT REQUIRES UNION NOT UNITY.

A. What’s the difference between union and unity?
   1. Unity means to live together without differences. Union seeks to live together in spite of differences.
   2. For example, the union of husband and wife takes place in spite of their differences.

B. Genuine union can only take place by God’s grace–Roman 12:4-5.

III. THIRD, IT REQUIRES HARD WORK.

A. It can’t be legislated. It something that only God can do--Romans 12:5.

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So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

B. Although it begins with God working in our lives, it also requires that we work at it too. It’s action, not just words. --Romans 12:9-13.

C. It not just work, it’s hard work according to Paul who gives us some practical examples of the kind of hard work reconciliation requires--Romans 12:14-21.