

Unify One Another

Romans 15:1-6

Introduction

Unity is the principle of having oneness of purpose or moving toward a common goal. God is made up of three distinct persons who function in harmony with one another. This is the basis that Christians pattern themselves after when we seek to operate in unity with one another as well. We should strive toward common goals that are defined by God's point of view and be willing to move forward with other believers who are distinct in personality, experiences, skills, and/or abilities. Unity is not having a group of people that look alike, think alike, or choose to do everything the same way. Unity is the ability and the *choice* that believers make to embrace their uniqueness, using their differences to accomplish the common goal at hand as they live their lives for the glory of God in their practical day-to-day experiences.

Unity is not always natural. We are instructed in Ephesians 4:2 to make every effort to be unified with other believers in the body of Christ. This implies that we have to work at it! God's point of view must dominate if unity is going to be maintained. Therefore, we must work to understand God's viewpoint and then do our part to operate in His will with other believers. Unity may not always be easy, but it is always worth it. The good news is that God manifests His presence, power, and glory most in the context of a unified environment. God has illustrated in His Word that He shows up with miraculous power when His people move together as one (Acts 2, 4). God commands His blessing when He sees His people operating in a spirit of unity.

Getting Started

1. *What one point resonated with you from this morning's sermon?*
2. *Prior to the sermon on unity, do you think you recognized the importance of unity in the Christian walk?*
3. *What can happen when there is a lack of unity?*

Let's Get Personal

1. *Have you ever seen God work in a special way when people have chosen to function with a spirit of oneness?*
2. *Are you doing your part to promote unity in your family, in your church, or in some other situation where you desire to see God glorified?*
3. *Is there an area in your life where you desire unity, but another party or person is making it difficult?*

Take the Next Step

1. What will you do this week to seek unity within the body of Christ or your personal circles with other believers?
2. How can you encourage another believer to use his/her unique personality, gifts, or skills to work in harmony with other believers for the glory of God?

Renew Your Mind

"Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6