

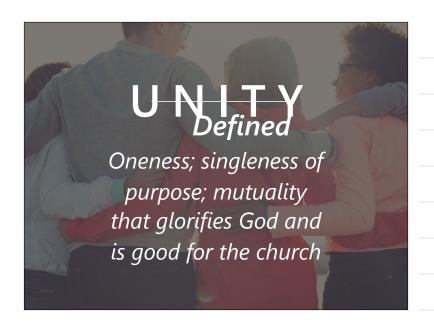
EPHESIANS 4:1-6

¹ As God's prisoner, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope... ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

God's supreme goal for us, both in doctrine and duty, is <u>unity</u>.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (v. 3)

<u>Unity</u> is the leading indicator of the worthiness of our walk.



UNITY

Is **NOT** uniformity

In Christ's body, there is great diversity of gifts, personalities and passions. (v. 7-12)

Leadership gifts merge that diversity into singular purposefulness. (v. 11-12)

Singular purposefulness opens the door to Christ's fullness. (v. 13)

HOW TO HAVE

UNITY

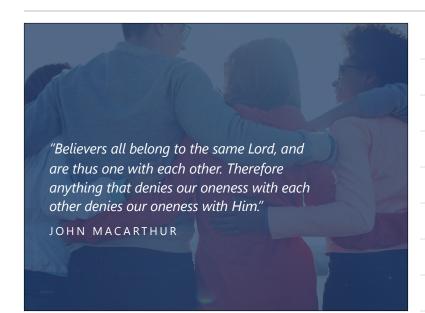
- 1. Submit to the Holy Spirit's work.
- 2. Cultivate humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance in love and peace. (vv. 2-3)

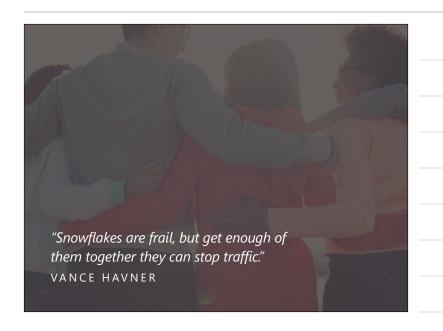












UNTENTIONAL

"Be kind and merciful; forgive one another, just as God forgave you in Christ." (v. 32)

"In response to all God has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind." (Hebrews 10:24 LB)

MATTHEW 22:38-40

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

JOHN 13:35

By this everyone will know that you're my disciples, if you love one another."

The action word for love in the Bible is <u>kindness</u>.

TITUS 3:4-5

"When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us..."

Christianity / Kindness

CHRESTOS → KINDNESS CHRISTOS → CHRIST

K.I.N.D.

K neel to wash another's feet
I nvite someone into your circle
Notice something praise-worthy in another
D efend someone who is under a barrage of criticism



