

# Actively Pursuing Unity

"Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3  
(English Standard Version)

\_\_\_\_\_ is a serious issue, whether for a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Importance Of Unity In The Church

A. Mark 3:24 - A \_\_\_\_\_ cannot \_\_\_\_\_ if it is

\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The kingdom of God cannot condone division:

1. Matthew 16:18 - \_\_\_\_\_ only spoke of \_\_\_\_\_ church.

2. John 17:20-23 - Jesus' desire was for His \_\_\_\_\_  
to be \_\_\_\_\_, as He and the \_\_\_\_\_ were. The  
standard is to be \_\_\_\_\_ one.

3. Ephesians 4:3,4a - We should be \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain  
\_\_\_\_\_, including unity of the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Does \_\_\_\_\_ in religion disturb us? It \_\_\_\_\_!

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A. **True unity is based upon the truth of God's word:**

1. John 17:14-17,19 - Jesus' followers could be \_\_\_\_\_  
by the \_\_\_\_\_, which is God's \_\_\_\_\_. Even if the  
world \_\_\_\_\_ us for it, we must embrace that truth.

2. 1 Corinthians 1:10 - We are to \_\_\_\_\_ with one another,  
and to have no \_\_\_\_\_ among us, but be \_\_\_\_\_  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ mind and the \_\_\_\_\_ judgment.

B. **True unity is based on a Christ-like spirit:**

1. Philippians 1:27 - Are we standing \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ spirit,  
with \_\_\_\_\_ mind striving side by side for the faith?

2. Philippians 2:1-5 - If we have the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, we  
will show \_\_\_\_\_ toward others, and count them as  
more \_\_\_\_\_ than ourselves.

3. John 4 - Wasn't this the attitude \_\_\_\_\_ showed to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Samaria?

C. 1 Peter 3:10,11 - If we seek \_\_\_\_\_ days, we must keep  
our tongues from \_\_\_\_\_, and seek \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ it.

To have unity in \_\_\_\_\_ church we must \_\_\_\_\_ it and  
\_\_\_\_\_ it - every one of us!

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