

Dealing With Our Differences

“Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3, English Standard Version

Philippians 4:2,3 – Those who _____ in the gospel should _____.

How Christ Views Unity Among His Followers

- A. Ephesians 1:22,23 – Christ is the _____ of the church (the authority), and His church is His _____ (a unified whole).
- B. Ephesians – Christ’s efforts to establish unity in His church:
 1. 2:11-14 – By His _____, Jesus broke down the _____ that separated _____ and Jews; He made them both _____.
 2. 2:16 – He _____ us both to _____ in _____ body through the _____, killing the _____.
 3. 2:22 – We are built _____ into a dwelling place for _____.
 4. 3:6 – The _____ is that Gentiles are _____ heirs and members of the _____ body.

Tools To Help Us Deal With Our Differences

- A. Ephesians 4:1 – We are to _____ worthy of the _____ to which we’ve been _____.
- B. Ephesians – Tools that help us move on from differences:
 1. 4:2 - _____ keeps us from feeling _____ than others.
 2. 4:2 - _____ describes one who is always _____ at the _____ time; never at the _____ time.
 3. 4:2 - _____ is the spirit which has the power to take _____, but _____ does so.
 4. 4:2 - _____ with one another in _____ is a result of *agape* love. We will always seek their higher _____.
 5. 4:3 - _____ to maintain unity in _____. We each must see this as _____ responsibility.
 6. 4:4-6 – There are _____ “ones” listed, beginning with one _____.
 7. 4:11-13 – The saints are to be _____ to _____ up the body of Christ.
 8. 5:19-21 – Even our worship shows that we _____ to one another out of _____ for Christ.

Luke 15:30-32 – The prodigal was not just “_____ son”, but also “your _____.” Is that how we see our family in Christ?

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