

Unity

(Jn 17:20-22) ²⁰“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹“that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²²“And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

- 1. Church Unity is Key to the World Believing Jesus**
- 2. the place of Unity is in Jesus**
- 3. Glory (Anointing) Already Given to make us one**

2. the place of Unity is in Jesus

a) Unity is Relational, not Doctrinal

(1Co 1:10-13) ¹⁰Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. ¹²Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided?

Divisions over Doctrine, lost *focus on Christ*

(1Co 3:1-4) ¹And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ²I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; ³for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? ⁴For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not carnal?

our Unity or Division indicates our Maturity or Immaturity (Carnality)

we must Work at this because the World is Watching

b) Unity is in Intimacy, not Activity

(1Co 12:4-7) ⁴There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

Activity is where it's profitable to be Diverse

Corporate Worship, Prayer, study of His Word build Unity (His Presence)

3. Glory (Anointing) Already Given to make us one

(Ps 133:1-3) ¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
²It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

Dwelling implies Consistency and Intimacy

Two Word Pictures

(Col 1:18-20) ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Christ/Messiah = Anointed One

We must keep in about Him.

All the Anointing/Glory/Fullness is in Him.

We access His Glory by being Reconciled to Him (Corporate?)

(Eph 4:7-16) ⁷But each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." ⁹(Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.