

John 17:11,20-23



Unity in Christ

Col 3:12-17

**We live in a world that is
desperately searching for UNITY**



Sermon Outline

- 1. The biblical definition of Unity**
- 2. The Biblical ICI of Unity**
- 3. Some ideas to cultivate Unity in CBC**



The definition of Unity



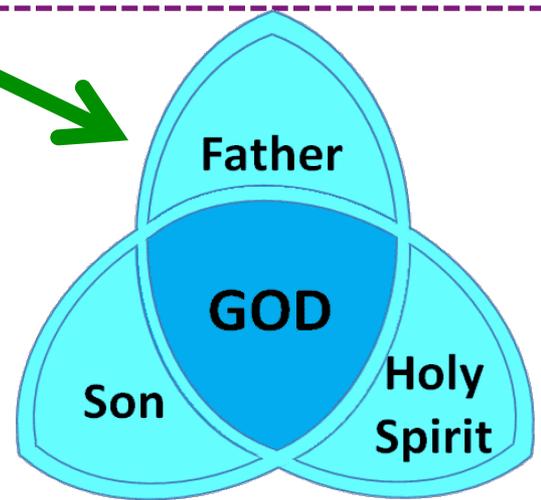
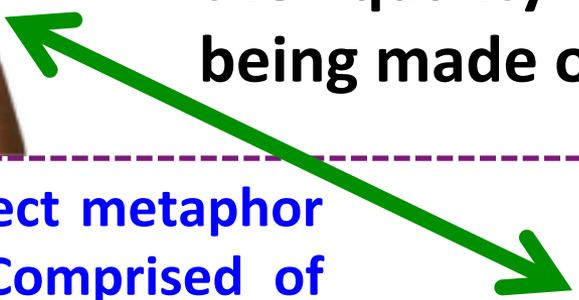
Psalm 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity! ...For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

Jesus prayed for unity - “that we all may be one”

Unity can be defined as; the quality or state of not being multiple, a condition of harmony, and the quality or state of being made one.

The human body serves as the perfect metaphor for the people of God on Earth. Comprised of many parts that are as different from one another as imaginable, harmony of voices and unity of mission comes as a result of the Holy Spirit in us. This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God, who has adopted us as His children.



Colossians 3:12-17

Character of the New Man

12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; **13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The ICI of Christian Unity

Therefore, as *the elect of God, holy and beloved*:

- ① Put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another.
- ② Put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
- ③ Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body.
- ④ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
- ⑤ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, **makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.**” (*Ephesians 4:15-16*)

When the body is working properly, each member doing its part, it grows and builds itself up in love. That is fruitfulness: to grow the body in love into Christ, who is the head, so the world may know that He was sent by God who loves us.

I Identity

C Character

I Impact

Some ideas for YOU to cultivate Unity in CBC

- 1. Pray for others:** that God would meet their deepest needs.
- 2. Help others:** to meet a felt need they have.
- 3. Encourage others:** send them a text, note or verbal communication of encouragement.
- 4. Give them a thoughtful gift:** something that really ministers to the heart.
- 5. Visit or Invite them:** to do something meaningful together.
- 6. Allocate time to Listen:** to their story.
- 7. Explore the word of God together:** share implications.

John 13:17 – “If you know these things,
blessed are you if you do them”.

