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The Bride of Christ
UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST
John 17:17-26

Disunity (cause). John 17:20-26

- Our lack of **relating** to one another. John 17:26, 13:34-35; Rom. 12:16; Eph. 4:2; 1 Thess. 4:18, 5:11; Heb. 10:25; Rom. 16:16; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 5:21; Rom. 14:13
- Our lack of **spiritual** maturity. John 17:23; 1 Cor. 3:1-3; Heb. 5:14-6:4; 1 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:12-17
- Our **looking** for uniformity, not unity. John 17:20-26; Eph. 4:4-6; Gal. 1:6-7, 2:3-5, 11-13

Unity (being on the same page together). John 17:17-26

- Unity **centered** in Jesus Christ. John 17:8-9, 20-21, 23; John 1:12; Acts 4:12
- Unity centered in the **Word** of God. John 17:6, 8, 14:17-19
- Unity centered in our **purpose**. John 17:14-16, 26; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; John 17:23; 2 Pet. 3:18; Eph. 4:11-17
- Unity in our **diversity**. 1 Cor. 12:1-31; Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:11; 1 Pet. 4:10

Results. John 17:20-26

- The world would **believe** in God. John 17:21
- The world would see the **power** of God in our unity. John 17:20-26; Rom. 12:1-2; Luke 19:1-10; Mark 5:1-20; Acts 9:1-9

The Foundational Doctrines Of The Christian Faith

1. **"Only One God."**
Dt. 6:4; Mk. 12:29; Isa. 43:10b-11, 44:6, 8, 45:5-12, 46:8, 9
2. **"Deity of Christ."**
Jn. 8:58; 10:24-33; Col. 2:9; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:1-5; Rev. 22:13
3. **"Virgin Birth Of Christ."**
Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:18, 25; Lk. 1:34, 35; Jn. 1:14, 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:9
4. **"Substitutionary Death Of Christ."**
Isa. 53:5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 2:9; 1 Pet. 2:24, 3:18
5. **"Physical Resurrection Of Christ."**
Ps. 16:10; Lu. 24:45-47; Jn. 21:26, 27; Ac. 2:23, 24; Rom. 10:9
6. **"Second Coming Of Christ."**
Mt. 26:64; Lu. 21:27; Ac. 1:11; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 3:11, 22:20
7. **"Universal Sin."**
Gen. 6:5; Ps. 53:3; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:10-18, 23; 1 Jn. 1:8
8. **"Salvation By Faith In Christ Alone."**
Jn. 6:28, 29; Rom. 5:1; Gal. 3:24; Eph. 2:8-10; Php. 3:9
9. **"Biblical Inerrancy."**
Dt. 4:2; Ps. 119:89, 91, 96, 152; Isa. 40:8; Mt. 5:18, 24:35; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:24, 25; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Rev. 22:19

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"One Another"

- **Love One Another** (John 13:34-35)
- **Be Of One Mind With One Another** (Romans 12:6)
- **Bearing With One Another** (1 Cor. 11:33)
- **Encourage One Another** (1 Thess. 4:18)
- **Come Together With One Another** (Hebrews 10:25a)
- **Greet One Another** (Romans 16:16)
- **Yet More One Another Commands** (Galatians 6:2)
- **Negative One Another Commands** (Romans 14:13)