

Unity of Believers

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Hebrews 13:1 (NLT)

¹ Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.

A. Jesus Prayed for Unity

John 17:20-23 (NLT)

20 “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message.

21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

John 17:20-23 (NLT)

22 “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.

23 I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

B. The Church was Created for Unity

Ephesians 4:4-13 (NLT)

⁴ For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.

Ephesians 4:4-13 (NLT)

¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:4-13 (NLT)

¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

**C. The Church is to be the Light
and walk in the Light**

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Say “Washed”

Say “cleansed”.

Say “without spot”.

Say “without wrinkle”.

**That is the church, the bride, Jesus will
come for.**

Ephesians 5:7-11 (NLT)

- 7 Don't participate in the things these people do.**
- 8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!**
- 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.**

Ephesians 5:7-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

¹¹ Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

Revelation 2:1-5 (NLT)

¹ “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands:

Revelation 2:1-5 (NLT)

² “I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars.

³ You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.

Revelation 2:1-5 (NLT)

4 “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!

5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.