



Unity of the Spirit

For the human body to function at its best, every organ, tissue, cell, and chemical must work in perfect harmony. When one part suffers, the whole body feels it. Disunity creates dis-ease. The same is true for the Church—which Scripture calls the Body of Christ.

The health of the Church is not measured by buildings or attendance numbers alone, but by its power to reach the lost, disciple believers, and shape culture for the glory of God. When every part of the Body is united in purpose, the Church becomes unstoppable in its mission.

Yet today, the Christian Church remains one of the most divided institutions in the world. Islam has two major branches. Judaism has three. The Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Churches each function without formal denominations. Meanwhile, Protestant and independent churches number between 35,000 and 50,000 denominations. This fragmentation explains why Christianity's cultural influence continues to decline even as churches dot the American landscape. According to the Barna Group, Christianity is shrinking in the United States (Faith's Shrinking Influence: What 25 Years of Data Reveals, December 2025).

Don't get me wrong—individually, the local church is incredible. America still has roughly one church per square mile. But the Church's greatest challenge since the first century has been coming together as one. The early Church transformed the known world in just decades. Two thousand years later, we have a church on nearly every corner—yet culture is shaping the next generation more than the Church is shaping culture.

For example, Islam is now the fastest-growing religion in Texas. This did not happen by accident. For decades, the Church has often repeated the same methods, messages, and programs while expecting different results. That is not faith—it is insanity. Like the children of Israel wandering in the wilderness for forty years, we risk circling the same mountain instead of advancing the Kingdom.

-With so many views and doctrines, what can we unite around?

Colossians 1:17, ESV

“And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

We unite around the essential doctrines of the Christian faith—most importantly, around Jesus Christ and Him crucified. His death, burial, and resurrection are the core of our message and the foundation of our unity. When Jesus is the center, everything else finds its proper place.

The Apostle Paul said it like this:

“Is Christ divided? ...I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 1:13, 2:2).

According to the verse above, Jesus is not currently the functional center of much of the Church—because if He were, we would not be so deeply divided. Instead, the Body of Christ often looks dismembered: an arm here, a leg there, an eye somewhere else—each trying to operate independently. That will never produce the revival we all want to see.

Every honest believer who looks at our culture knows something is wrong. We cry out for revival, yet God is waiting for His people to unite *as* the revival. Throughout church history, every true awakening was preceded by unity of the Spirit. We cannot have the fire of revival while refusing the fellowship that makes it possible.

Unity is not a pipe dream. Jesus Himself prayed for it, and the Father answered:

John 17:22, ESV

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,”

Because the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are perfectly one, we as believers can walk in unity. We are in Christ, and Christ is in us. When God looks at His Church, He sees one Body united in the Spirit. That’s because all of us as believers are one with Jesus—there’s no separation. Mind blowing! This is the “hope of glory” the Apostle Paul spoke of—the very glory of the Father given to the Son and now shared with us.

What is this glory?

John 1:14, ESV

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

The glory of Jesus is His grace—the personified, lavish grace of the Father. Grace and truth are not opposites; they are one beautiful reality in Christ. The dichotomy of the New Testament is between grace and law—not between grace and truth. In the original Greek, the phrase “grace and truth” functions as one composite whole, much like saying “blueberry muffins.” There is no separation in the New Testament that says “this is grace but this is truth.” Instead, the truth of the Gospel—His death, burial, and resurrection—confirms and establishes this grace.

Uniting around the finished work of Jesus Christ and the glorious grace of God is the foundation for walking in the **Unity of the Spirit** according to the Word of God.

This is our moment. This is our calling. Let us lay aside secondary differences, fix our eyes on Christ, and stand together as one Body—advancing the Kingdom, restoring culture, and glorifying Christ in our generation.

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