

Building Up One Another
Be of the Same Mind with One Another
AM Service Romans 15:5 April 11, 2021

Introduction

“unit”- any group of things or people regarded as an individual

“unity” - oneness, the state or fact of being one

Be of the Same Mind with One Another

Rom 15:5-6

5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus (NASB)

God wants us to be of the same mind with one another

“according to Christ Jesus.”

kata – in accordance with the standard or norm

Jesus is the standard.

We are to think like He thinks.

We are to be a unit.

We are to have unity.

Christ’s Prayer for Unity

John 17 is Jesus Christ’s prayer to His father.

One of the central requests in this prayer is that Christ’s disciples would experience unity and oneness.

What is the result of unity among believers?

“Look at the unity among that group of people.

How can a group so diverse be so united?

They say they are followers of Christ.

They say Christ was sent from God.

They say Christ is God in the flesh.

They say God loves all mankind.

Something powerful has happened to them.

Maybe they are right.”

The Essence of Christianity

Christ’s primary concern in His prayer was for a unity, a oneness that reveals the very essence of Christianity.

Satan’s strategy throughout church history has been to destroy unity in Christ’s body.

A Powerful Miracle

“When non-Christians see true unity and true oneness, their hearts cry out to be a part of that kind of love.” (Gene Getz)

This is called body evangelism.

Paul’s Prayer for Unity

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Truth – When we become Christians, we are one in Christ.

Reality – We don’t always reflect that unity.

Challenge – Work on unity.

Romans 14:19 tells us ...*we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.*”

Conclusion

Practical Steps for Developing Unity in Our Church

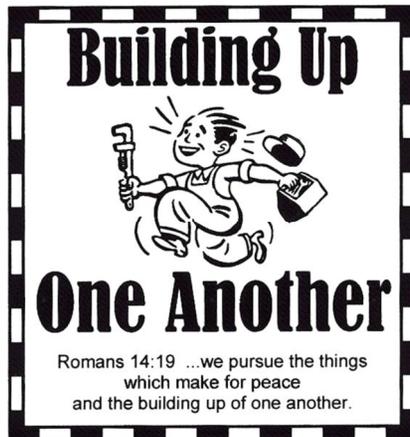
1. Realize that unity is possible.
2. Realize that unity in a local church is not automatic.

We must make every effort to
“see that we do not allow human factors to create irritations
to bring about misunderstandings which divide us.
Satan delights in using trivia to destroy local churches.”
(Gene Getz)

3. Realize that the key to unity is Christian maturity
reflecting love.
4. Review the other three exhortations we have already
considered.

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encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another
according to Christ Jesus,*

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery



“Building Up One Another”

...we pursue the things which make for peace
and the building up of one another.

**...so we, being many, are one body in Christ,
and individually members of one another.**

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love,
in honor giving preference to one another;

**Therefore receive one another,
just as Christ also received us,
to the glory of God.**

Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren,
that you also are full of goodness,
filled with all knowledge,
able also to admonish one another.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.
...serve one another.

...Bear one another's burdens...
...submitting to one another in the fear of God...
...bearing with one another in love...

Therefore comfort each other
and edify one another

**Now may the God of patience and comfort grant
you to be like-minded toward one another,
according to Christ Jesus...**