

# Unity

[Psa 133:1 KJV] 1 [[A Song of degrees of David.]] Behold, how good and how pleasant [it is] for brethren to dwell together in unity!

## What is Unity?

Definition: the state of being united or joined as a whole. State of being one.

[Jos 24:15 KJV] 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

## Unity takes work.

[Eph 4:3 KJV] 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Supudazo is the Greek word. Means endeavor or do diligence. Make haste or hasten. Give diligence.

## Keep working on unity. Hold on to unity to the end.

[Pro 4:23 KJV] 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.

[Heb 6:11 KJV] 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

## Unity is a Learning Process.

[Eph 4:11-13 KJV] 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

## Unity Grows on you.

[Act 1:14 KJV] 14 These all **continued with one accord** in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

[Act 2:1, 46 KJV] 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with **one accord** in one place. ... 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

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The Greek word for One Accord is **homothymadon**. A unique Greek word, used 10 of its 12 New Testament occurrences in the Book of Acts, helps us understand the uniqueness of the Christian community. **Homothumadon** is a compound of two words meaning to "rush along" and "in unison". The image is almost musical; a number of notes are sounded which, while different, harmonize in pitch and tone. As the instruments of a great concert under the direction of a concert master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of members of Christ's church.

## **Testimonies of God's deliverance and power brings unity.**

[Act 4:24 KJV] 24 And when they heard **that**, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou [art] God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

## **Division weakens the church. Order Strengthens the Church.**

### **What is dividing us?**

[1Co 11:18 KJV] 18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

[Mat 12:25 KJV] 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

[1Co 1:11-13 NIV] 11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

[Jas 1:8 KJV] 8 A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways.

[Jas 4:8 KJV] 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded.

## **We all have our role in worship. Everyone here is important to unity.**

[1Co 12:17-18, 27-31 KJV] 17 If the whole body [were] an eye, where [were] the hearing? If the whole [were] hearing, where [were] the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, **as it hath pleased him**. ... 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. 29 [Are] all apostles? [are] all prophets? [are] all teachers? [are] all workers of miracles? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.