

**The Bible opens with  
four powerful words –  
“In the beginning God”**



**Before ANYTHING  
was created,  
God lacked NOTHING  
(God needed nothing, God  
was in perfect union  
with Himself)**



**The Trinity enjoyed  
flawless fellowship,  
in perfect harmony,  
united in unbreakable  
bonds of love**



**Unity**



# Romans 15:5-6



**Together, we get to  
link arms and face life  
with the goal of bringing  
God as much glory  
as possible**



# John 17:1-26



**Jesus prays for his followers to  
be ONE-just as the Trinity is ONE**

**That those followers might be  
perfected in unity, so that the  
entire world may know**

**that Jesus was sent by God**





**Unity ISN'T optional!**



# United Like The Trinity



**God wants those who follow Him to be unified to Himself (that's why Jesus came to this earth in the first place)**



# John 17:1-5



**Jesus was about to  
willingly lay down  
His life as a once-for-all  
sacrifice**



**God's ALWAYS been  
about uniting his children  
to Himself**

**John 17:6-12**



**Knowing He would soon  
be leaving, Jesus prays  
for God to bind those  
who follow Him to their  
Heavenly Father**



**NOT only does our  
relationship with Jesus  
unite us to God – it unites us  
to each other, through  
the Holy Spirit**

**John 17:13-21**





**God the Father sent  
Jesus into the world  
with the purpose  
to rescue and redeem  
mankind**



**Now believers have been  
sent into the world with the  
purpose to point people to  
a relationship with Jesus  
(which will rescue  
and redeem)**



**This mission is to be done  
unified, together in Christ –  
in ONE body,  
on ONE mission,  
with ONE purpose**



**And as believers unite  
and come together, the  
world will take notice!**



**The Church would be so  
winsome and attractive  
because it would look so  
different from the  
sin-plagued world**



**This type of unity  
(which we are called  
to demonstrate)  
has incredibly powerful  
implications  
John 17:22-26**



**In unity, believers  
MUST love our Lord  
and one another  
and doing this will glorify  
our Heavenly Father**



**If God's body (the Church)  
is fractured and  
squabbling, how attractive  
is that to the outside,  
ever-watching world?**





**If God's body (the Church)  
is divided, NOT in step  
and NOT in sync with  
each other, why would  
anyone want to be  
a part of that?**



**God's Body (the Church),  
when it's functioning like  
it should be...**



**NO one has ANY need  
NO ministry or outreach is  
EVER understaffed  
NO issue we face CAN'T  
be resolved**



**This bond that you and I  
share, is to be equal to the  
bond of the Trinity**



**A bond, united in  
flawless fellowship**

**A bond, in perfect  
harmony, united in  
unbreakable bonds  
of love**

