

United we stand, divided we fall

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

What unites us, as **believers IN Jesus Christ**, is the common bond we share IN Christ!!! (we're family)

We're to be ONE like the Trinity is One (John 17:17-26)

DL Moody – "I have never yet known the Spirit of God to work where the Lord's people were divided"

Because of who we are IN Christ, we're to walk in a manner worthy of that calling (our practice MUST match our position)

Ephesians 4:1-6 These "ONE" statements emphasize the oneness which believers **IN Christ share**

United In One

Ephesians 4:4-6

I. ONE BODY There is ONE body, but MANY unique & special & different members (that function cohesively in God's ONE mission) I Corinthians 12:4-27

II. ONE SPIRIT It's through the Holy Spirit that we are united, despite our vast differences

III. ONE HOPE That hope is entirely based and grounded upon Jesus Christ **ALONE!**

This reality alone, should motivate us to walk in a manner worthy of our calling IN Christ

IV. ONE LORD II Corinthians 4:5-6 **To proclaim "Jesus is Lord"** meant Caesar was NOT Lord...it elevated Jesus to equal status as God

John 1:14

Acts 4:12

V. ONE FAITH Do you know, everyone has faith

As followers of Christ, we look to God's Word (the Bible) and with confidence, we cling to Its teachings (doctrines)

How significant is this conviction, when it comes to someone else's eternal well-being?

In what ways should I proceed, endeavoring to maintain unity IN Christ, as I speak the truth in love?

VI. ONE BAPTISM Identifying with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection to newness of life

VII. ONE GOD AND FATHER

Ephesians 1:3-6

Believers are God's adopted children (this means we share the **SAME** Father) we're ALL just ONE **BIG adopted family**

CHALLENGE