



***There is no "I" in "TEAM"... but there is in "UNITY"!***

***SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE (11/13/11)***

**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Introduction: Have you ever heard the "There is no 'I' in team" illustration? Well, there is an "I" in unity. The team is made up of individuals working together for a common goal. Think about geese, horses, and organizations. What do we know about unity? I want to encourage you to take a fresh new look at the subject of unity and seek the will of God. I hope you will be willing to take your Bible and study along with me as we discuss true unity as the Bible teaches it.

Discussion:

### ***I. The Obstacles of Unity***

- A. The effects of deadly sin (**Genesis 4:1-15, James 1:15**)
- B. The effects of discord (**Proverbs 6:14, 19, I Corinthians 1:10**)
- C. The effects of disharmony (**Acts 15:36-41, I Corinthians 12-14**)
- D. The effects of division (**Acts 6:1-7, Ephesians 4-5**)

### ***II. The Influence of Unity***

- A. Our unity will influence heaven (**Matthew 18:19-20, I Corinthians 12:12-31, Colossians 2:9, I John 4:7-8, II Peter 3:4, Jude 6**)
- B. Our unity will influence non-believers (**John 17:20-23, Acts 2:44-47, 5:12-14, 6:1-7**)
- C. Our unity will influence believers (**I Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 4-5, Psalm 133**)
- D. Our unity will influence our own salvation (**I Corinthians 3:1-4, Romans 8:5-9, Titus 3:10-11, Revelation 21:27, Proverbs 6:16-19, Matthew 7:1-6**)

### ***III. The Method of Unity***

- A. Unity is personal (**Ephesians 4:3, I Peter 3:8**)
- B. Unity is a conviction (**Ephesians 4:3, Psalm 28:4, 1 Thessalonians 2:17**)
- C. Unity is a bond (**Ephesians 4:3, Matthew 5:9, Psalm 122:6, Jeremiah 29:7, Colossians 3:15**)
- D. Unity is a daily walk (**Amos 3:3, Ephesians 4:4-6, Ephesians 4:1-2, Mark 12:30, II Thessalonians 2:14, Galatians 1:6-9**)

### ***IV. The Beauty of Unity***

- A. The uniqueness of unity (**I Corinthians 12:12-27, Romans 12:3-13**)
- B. The preciousness of unity (**Titus 2:4, I Peter 2:9, Luke 6:35**)
- C. The kindness of unity (**Ephesians 4:3, John 17, Romans 8:9**)
- D. The trustworthiness of unity (**Matthew 16:19, Ephesians 4:13**)

Conclusion: We need each other. We need to seek unity with each other. God's will is for us to be "perfectly joined together." What are you doing to assist this effort? Seek the mind and will of God!

**WORD OF THE DAY = "UNITY"**