



The Basics of Unity

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Text: Ephesians 4:1- 6

Introduction: In this section of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul identifies the basic principles of unity. We need to analyze every word, every phrase, and every thought to achieve unity today in the Lord's church. "U" and "I" can make a difference. How? Let's study together

Discussion:

I. We Must Remember Our Calling To Unity (v.1)

Our calling is a source of pride.

- **II Peter 1:10, Galatians 6:11- 15**

Our calling is a source of pleasure.

- **Psalm 133:1- 3**

Our calling is a reminder of our position.

- **Philippians 2:1-2**

II. We Must Be Focused On What Brings Unity (v.2)

Unity is a personal choice.

- **Galatians 5:22- 23**

Unity is prayer-driven.

- **John 17:1ff**

Unity is praiseworthy.

- **Philippians 1:3-11, Ephesians 4:3-13**

III. We Must Have The Right Kind of Unity (v.3)

Unity is peaceful.

- **Philippians 4:7, Matthew 18:15- 18**

Unity is practical.

- **I Corinthians 1:10, Amos 3:3**

Unity is painful.

- **Romans 12:9- 16, Galatians 6:1- 2**

IV. We Must Have The Right Foundation For Unity (vs.4- 6)

Unity is a power issue.

- **Genesis 1:1**

Unity is a preservation issue.

- **Jude 3**

Unity is a process that requires patience.

- **I Corinthians 1:10**

Conclusion: You and "I" have a place in the Lord's church! We need to be seeking unity in Christ. Are you helping or hindering the work of the church? Let's get back to the basics of unity!