

The Christian's Calling
The Call To Unity
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Key Verses of the Day

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

Christians are called to _____ in Christ.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3 NIV

Four Truths Of Christian Unity

1. Unity is a choice Christians make that is revealed in their _____ and _____.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2 NIV

• Christian unity flows from _____.
Be completely humble...

Grab This!

Humility is _____ for Christian unity!

• Christian unity recognizes _____.

Don't Miss This!

Meekness is the absence of the need to assert _____ rights or convictions.

• Christian unity requires great _____.

Do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:3b-4 NIV

Grab This!

Patience is the desire to _____ people who are difficult because we value the _____ found in unity.

• Christian unity thrives on _____.

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2. Christian Unity is possible because of the unity _____ brings.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6 NIV

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3. Christian unity is celebrated within the _____ of our _____.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... Ephesians 4:7-12 NIV

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Christian unity celebrates the _____ found within the Church.

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4. Christian unity ought to encourage us toward _____.

...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:13-16 NIV

The Bottom Line

Christian unity focuses more on what we have in _____ rather than our _____.

...just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism... Ephesians 4:4-5 NIV

The Challenge

What steps could you take to encourage unity within the Church?