
The Lord God's Ekklesia

Part 5 – A Community of the Spirit's Supernatural Unity

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Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

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When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

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What *Unity* is not

- It is not a narrowly defined list of actions.
- It does not mean you become someone's slave, doormat or punching bag.
- It is not self-serving.

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- It is not an obligation one carries out with a cold soul.
- It is not just an idealistic concept.
- It is not something that expresses itself cruelly.

What *Unity* is not

- It is not something that you will always feel joyous about.
- It has never been and will never be properly defined by the term “tolerance”.
- It is not something that can be forced, only chosen.

Not Just Any Kind of Unity

- **Joseph's Brothers were united against him.**
- **The Israelites were united in their worship of the Golden Calf.**
- **The Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Herodians and the people were united in their crucifixion of Jesus Christ.**

United in One Heart and Mind in

- Being the “called out ones” of God.
- Being witnesses for Christ in our relationships thru transformation.
- Being a Committed, Christ Centered Community of Little Christs.
- Being a people who loves others with God’s love.

Principle #1

A Holy Spirit led supernatural unity amongst all believers in God's local ekklesia is supposed to be normative. Being united with one another is supposed to flow from our individual unity with God.

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Principle #3

In order for Holy Spirit led unity to become reality, costly sacrifices have to be made. Every individual must choose to crucify their sinful selves so that they can be raised in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Principle #4

Hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, etc. are the results of our fallen flesh, sin, evil, and Satan.

Galatians 5:19

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,

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idolatry, sorcery, hostility,
quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of
anger, selfish ambition,
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Galatians 5:21

envy, drunkenness, wild parties,
and other sins like these. Let me
tell you again, as I have before,
that anyone living that sort of life
will not inherit the Kingdom of
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Principle #5

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Every ekklesia must nurture the seeds of God's supernatural unity, which requires Holy Spirit led transformations of every individual, consistently focused togetherness, consecutive decisions, commitment, long-suffering, and time.

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- **Being united with God throughout the entirety of my day.**
- **Recognizing the value of each person in the ekklesia, because of who their Eternal Father is.**
- **Focusing on what is most important.**
- **Building up one another in love.**

I commit to ushering in unity by

- **Speaking less in order to listen more.**
- **Being the first to seek peace and reconciliation.**
- **By examining myself more than I examine others.**
- **Choosing to obey God's command for unity, despite how I feel.**

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