

Unity

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Jesus is praying for _____ here. Jesus knew that Christians could never make a lasting impact on the world unless spiritually the world saw in that church a oneness, a unity. [Ephesians 4:3](#)

So Paul takes up where Jesus left off and says, we need to always live in and _____ toward each other, and now here's some practical ways to do it.

We lead a life _____ of our calling [Ephesians 4:1-3](#)

We are to live with humility, with gentleness, with patience, making allowances for each other's faults. **Does that _____ your life?**

We focus on our _____ beliefs. [Ephesians 4:4-6](#)

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Unity comes when we focus on our common beliefs, the crucial beliefs that bring us together, not the silly little issues that separate us.

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Notice "Then we will no longer be like children..." Now there's a lot of great things about children, but here Paul is talking about _____. Where people change their minds continually every time they hear some new teaching. Paul says, you need to grow up. He lists 4 ways you do that:

- Holding to the _____ in love.
- Becoming more like _____.
- Doing our own special _____.
- Helping the other parts _____.

Those are the things that create a strong, united _____.

You get the idea. We need unity. And we need it not just within our church, but we need it between different _____.

_____, **Practice, and Prayer**

Focus on the _____ of scripture. Absolutes are the unchanging foundations of our faith.

Now, inside our church, I teach absolutes, contextual interpretations, deductions, and we follow our preferences. Outside our church, we focus on the _____, and if others differ on the rest, that's OK.

Practice supportive _____ and actions toward others.

What could happen in this valley if _____ started through a simple supportive action?

Pray to "raise the _____ of the Holy Spirit".

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