

Becoming One in 2021 Part 1 handout

1. God's original blueprint for man and creation was unity.

- A. Ge.1:1 God in the Hebrew language is Elohim which is plural.
- B. Unity (being one) was God's original plan for God, man and creation in the book of Genesis.
- C. There was one God (Father Son Holy Spirit), one race, one landmass, Ge.1:9 one language.
- D. Adam and Eve were created to be in unity or one flesh. Procreation was possible with unification or becoming one. **Genesis 2:23-24 (KJV)**
- E. They had one job together as care takers of God's garden. **Genesis 2:15 (KJV) Genesis 2:18 (KJV)**
- F. Unity with others is not possible in the singular. Notice it is not inherently good for man to be alone.
- F. Disunity was Adam & Eve's first action after their fall into sin.
- G. Disunity affects all relationships. Not only did it affect their relationship with each other but also with God. Adam blamed God for giving him the woman.
- H. They hid themselves separately. They didn't hide together, they hid separately. They hid from God and from each other. **Genesis 3:8-10 (KJV)**
- I. Disunity was and is the result of sin. To solve disunity, there must a resolve for sin.

2. Unity for the purpose of good without God isn't possible.

- A. Unity without God is also dangerous.
- Example: Tower of Babel.** A temple tower (rising building)
- B. Pyramids were tombs while ziggurats were places of cult worship. The tower of Babel was a temple built in a city for the worship of false gods.
 - C. The Tower or Temple in Babylon was 92 meters or 276 feet high.
 - D. They believed the Ziggurats connected heaven to earth. A whole city was built around the ziggurat which became the center of life's activities.
 - E. These were the descendants of Noah who were commanded to go and replenish the earth.
 - F. The judgment of the Tower of Babel was one of the greatest catastrophes in the history of the world.
 - G. Thousands of workers suddenly found themselves incapable of communicating with anyone outside of their extended family group.
 - H. Becoming one is not always a good thing if it involves evil and sin. The spiritual battle of the ages is being played out by those unified with evil, against those unified with good.
 - I. Let's look at the statements in Genesis 11 to shed light on this judgment. Ge.11:4
 - J. They were the descendants of Noah who were choosing to be defiant by establishing their own pagan religion that would ultimately elevate and glorify themselves.
 - K. It didn't take long for the lesson of the great flood judgment to wear off!

L. They were also seeking to unify all of mankind with a false god. That is, a false God that only they had access to!

M. We can do the same thing by trying to make a name for our self instead of glorifying the name of Jesus for what He has done for us and with us. Ambition is good for a deserving cause.

N. Self-ambition on the other hand can be destructive to others and to ourselves. Selfish ambition will drive us to sacrifice our marriage and family.

O. Jesus warned His disciples about the dangers of self-ambition. **Matthew 6:19-24 (KJV)**

P. It will lead us to put our jobs, ministry, profession, business or pleasures before God. It's the calling of the world tempting us to make a name or fortune for ourselves.

Q. It can be a temptation to gain enough wealth so we don't have to trust God. It's the same temptation that tells us we don't have to tithe, keep the money for yourself.

R. Notice what God said "behold the people are one, they all have one language, now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do. Ge.11:6

S. We share the sin or the righteousness and resources with what we become one with.

T. Political correctness is the world's way of trying to control you through your need to be seen as great in the eyes of others.

U. Both Good or evil can be benefitted by unity. Be careful who and what you become unified with. Unity with the wrong people or causes can keep you from growing spiritually.

V. God's response to their evil unity was to confound their language and scatter them abroad. **Genesis 11:6-8 (KJV)**

3. The church was born in an atmosphere of unity. Acts 2:1-4 (KJV)

A. The ending of Babel's false god worship came about through disunity. But the beginning of the church started with unity.

B. On the day of Pentecost God reverses the process by speaking to those there in other tongues which just happens to be their own native languages!

C. Not since Babel had man been able to worship as one, in one language! God used tongues or language as a road block to Satan in Babel and now uses it as a road opener for the church!

D. The Babylonians were seeking to unify all people as one unholy nation. God was using tongues to advance His holy kingdom to all nations. **Matthew 28:19 (KJV)**

E. The curse of Babel, the division of people groups, nations and confusion of tongues will end forever, when the redeemed are gathered in heaven with all the angelic host to speak with one voice: "salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." **Revelation 7:9-11 (KJV)**

F. Unity was a prayer priority. Jesus prayed for His disciples to become one with God. **John 17:20-23 (KJV)**

G. We know His prayers were answered because they were in unity on the day of Pentecost. They were all in one accord, in one place.

H. The world believes that God sent His Son when He's revealed through a unified church.

I. The word "**one**" is mentioned **5 times** in this chapter. Five is a symbol of the goodness and grace of God towards man. Unity requires the goodness and grace of God to unite us.

J. Jesus gave us the road map to unity. We have to be relationally and spiritually connected with Jesus and His branches or body of believers. **John 15:1-5 (KJV)**

K. Another word for unity and oneness is **abiding**. Abiding in Christ being one, is the key to life, power, and fruitfulness. Disunity separates us from our God given life, power, and resources.

L. A lack of fruitfulness in our life reveals **a lack of abiding** in the vine. It's just not possible to live the life of a Christian without abiding in Christ

M. That is something too many people are not seeing with this pandemic. **John 15:6-14 (KJV)**

N. Some would see friendship with God as just companionship. Friendship with God also involves obedience, not just companionship. Obedience is only accessible in the light