

# *Why Paul “thanked” the Lord regarding this church?*

*1 Corinthians 1:4-9*

**#1 – v.4 – *For God’s grace which was given to them.***

*Ephesians 2:8-9.*

**#2 – v.5 – *Because they were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and knowledge.***

*Ephesians 1:3.*

**#3 – v.6 – *Because the testimony of the Lord was confirmed in them.***

*John 15:26-27.*

**#4 – v.7a – *Because this church came short in no gift.***

*Romans 12 & 1 Corinthians 12 & 14.*

**#5 – v.7b – *Because this church eagerly waited the revelation of Jesus.***

*Matthew 6:10 & 1 John 2:28.*

**#6 – v.8 – *Because God confirmed them to the end.***

*Philippians 1:6 & Hebrews 7:25.*

**#7 – v.9 – *Because God was faithful and called them into fellowship with Jesus.***

*1 John 1:3.*

# *What Unity is NOT in the church!*

*1 Corinthians 1:10-17*

**#1 – Unity is NOT “anything goes for the sake of unity”.**

*John 8:32 – The truth is worth fighting for.*

**#2 – Unity is NOT fighting/contending over the MINOR issues (non-gospel).**

*We need to differentiate MAJOR (gospel) issues from MINOR.*

*Romans 14:1-7 & 1 Corinthians 8-9.*

***So, what are the MAJORS?***

*#1 – We need to agree God is perfect.*

*#2 – We need to agree all humans are far from perfect.*

*#3 – We need to agree we can NOT save ourselves.*

*#4 – We need to agree Jesus is and always will be God.*

*#5 – We need to agree Jesus died on the cross for our sins & NO ONE else could.*

*#6 – We need to agree Jesus rose from the dead to conquer death & offer life.*

**#3 – Unity is NOT “tolerance” at the expense of obedience to God’s word.**

*1 Corinthians 5.*

**#4 – Unity is NOT mindless uniformity.**

*Acts 17:10-11.*

# *What Unity IS in the church!*

*1 Corinthians 1:10-17*

***#1 – We are to dwell and to live our lives together in unity.***

*Psalms 133:1.*

***#2 – Unity is recognizing we are one family with the same family goals we are working together to achieve.***

*John 17:20-23.*

***#3 – Unity is loving one another as Jesus has loved us.***

*John 13:34-35 & Ephesians 4:1-6.*

***#4 – Unity is dealing with our pride so we can work together in love & peace.***

*Proverbs 6:16-19. Not Isaiah 14:13-14.*

***#5 – Unity is submitting to one another as we serve the Lord together.***

*Ephesians 5:21.*

***#6 – Unity is giving preference to one another's needs and honoring one another.***

*Philippians 2:3-4 & Romans 12:10.*

***#7 – Unity is knowing our spiritual gifts to encourage and to build each other up in the Lord.***

*Ephesians 4:11-13 & 1 Corinthians 12:7 & Romans 12:6-8.*