

An aerial view of a rowing team in a red and white boat on dark water. The team consists of several rowers in white tank tops and dark shorts, with a coxswain in a grey jacket at the stern. The boat is moving across the water, leaving a wake. The text is overlaid on a white horizontal band across the middle of the image.

IN PURSUIT OF UNITY

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unity:

Oneness, united or combined into one, parts of a whole; unvaried or uniform character, in agreement and working together, undivided.

A large, textured question mark is centered on a dark background. The question mark has a grainy, stippled appearance. Two horizontal white lines cross the image, one above and one below the question mark. Overlaid on the question mark is the text "WHY IS UNITY IMPORTANT?" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**WHY IS UNITY
IMPORTANT?**

nally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy,
brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble
mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for
reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this
you were called, that you may obtain a blessing

1 Peter 3:8-9

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore

Psalms 133:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, zeal to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you
were called to the one hope that belongs to
your call—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

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

John 17:20-21

the glory that you have given me I have given to
them, that they may be one even as we are one,
in them and you in me, that they may become
perfectly one, so that the world may know that you
sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:22-23

A photograph of a busy city street, likely Times Square in New York City, with a large crowd of people and cars. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark layer. The text "WHO ARE WE TO BE UNITED WITH?" is centered in white, bold, sans-serif font.

WHO ARE WE TO BE
UNITED WITH?

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to
those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
saints together with all those who in every
place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

1 Corinthians 1:2

o if there is any encouragement in Christ, any
comfort from love, any participation in the
spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete
y by being of the same mind, having the same
love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2



**WHAT ARE SOME
ENEMIES OF UNITY?**

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meeekness and wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

James 3:13-15

or where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit partial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:16-18

appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Philippians 2:14-16

appeal to you, brothers, to watch out
for those who cause divisions and
create obstacles contrary to the doctrine
that you have been taught; avoid them

Romans 16:17



HOW CAN WE
PURSUE UNITY?

that there may be no division in the body, but
that the members may have the same care for
one another. If one member suffers, all suffer
together; if one member is honored, all rejoice
together.

1 Corinthians 12:25-26

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual morality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

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WORST CASE