

“Keep the Unity of the Spirit”

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Ephesians 4:1-6

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- A. Sadly, we tend to divide into different _____ groups based on very _____ things.
- B. There is a need to stand for the _____ and avoid _____, and we must never settle for a unity that dispenses with critical pillars of _____.
- C. But if we aren't careful, we can turn every jot and tittle of _____ and _____ into a major doctrine.
- D. God wants us to be _____ and is pleased when we are _____. (Ps. 133:1; Jn. 17:20-23)
- E. At the beginning of Ephesians 4, Paul explained that effort to keep unity requires the right _____.
1. The right attitude towards _____: _____.
 2. The right attitude towards _____: _____, _____ and _____.
 3. The right attitude towards _____: a _____ to make every _____ to keep unity.
- F. After reviewing the needed attitudes, Paul named the “7 ones” that for the _____ and _____ for our unity.
- G. It is not our responsibility to _____ unity, rather it is our responsibility to _____ or _____ unity.
- H. Making every effort to maintain this unity will include putting the _____ and _____ of others ahead of our own at times and for certain reasons.
- I. Making every effort to maintain this unity will also include asking for _____ and offering it.
- J. This unity that we are called to keep isn't unity in _____, but is a oneness in _____ and _____.
- K. Like the classic _____ with _____ at the top and two _____ at the bottom corners, the ones at the bottom draw closer to each other by drawing closer to the one at the top - the 7 ones are the right focus to draw us together in unity.
- L. The other banner at the front of the auditorium has two verses from 1 Timothy 2 that contain _____ of the “7 ones”
- M. We learn a number of important things from the context of that passage.
1. Paul encourages us to _____ with all kinds of _____.
 2. Paul encourages us to pray for others including _____, _____, and all those in _____.
 3. Our prayers should result in lives of _____ and _____.
 4. Paul declared that God wants everyone to be _____ and to come to the _____ of the _____.
 5. One of the main truths that God wants everyone to know is that there is one _____ and one _____ between God and mankind.
- N. _____ is the one mediator and the only _____ to the Father. (Jn. 14:6)
- O. The way of Jesus is _____ and _____, but it is the only way to the Father. (Mt. 7:13-14)
- P. God wants all of us to be _____ and has provided the way through _____.

Answer Key: A. Christian, minor. B. truth, error, truth. C. preference, opinion. D. one, one. E. attitudes. E.1. ourselves, humility. E.2. others, gentleness, patience, forbearance. E.3. unity, commitment, effort. F. background, bedrock. G. create, maintain, keep. H. needs, preferences. I. forgiveness. J. general, mind, belief. K. triangle, God, people. L. 2. M.1. pray, prayers. M.2. everyone, kings, authority. M.3. godliness, dignity. M.4. saved, knowledge, truth. M.5. God, mediator. N. Jesus, way. O. narrow, difficult. P. saved, Jesus.