

UNITY MEANS EVERYTHING + NOTHING AT THE SAME TIME  
 - EVERYTHING: We must be unified! Now more than ever.  
 - NOTHING: What are we unified around? Vague feelings about God + others?

TRUE UNITY  
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**THE CALL TO WALK WORTHY OF CHRIST'S PURCHASED UNITY (EPHESIANS 4:1)**

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called...

URGE (beg, implore)

WALK (live)  
 PAUL IN CHAIN

DIFFERENCE OF YOUR CALLING AS A NEW CREATION  
 DEATH OF THE DEATH OF CHRIST

Philippians 1:27 - Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel...

Colossians 1:9-10 - And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 - For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

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 Consider Name of Churches  
 - All have problems!

IF YOU DO NOT HOOD THIS, YOU ARE MOCKING THE CRUCIFIED JESUS AND THE GRACE OF GOD.

- PAUL SAYS WE HAVE TO TRY, TRY HARD  
 - YOU AND I ARE CALLED TO FREEDOM  
 - WE USE THIS FREEDOM TO HONOR JESUS IN THE WAY WE LIVE + RELATE.

They will know us by our love

**A PICTURE OF OUR PURCHASED UNITY EMBODIED (EPHESIANS 4:2-3)**

...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

HUMBLE/GENTLE  
 NOT TO TIGHTEN  
 SOFT + HARD ASPECTS

The road in which we walk together to pursue unity

HUMILITY STRONGER THAN PRIDE  
 GENTLENESS STRONGER THAN HOSTILITY

PATIENTLY BEAR WITH (ENDURE) IN LOVE

Colossians 3:12-15 - Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Galatians 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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 OUR PATIENCE + ENDURANCE  
 MUST BE STRONGER THAN  
 OUR IMPATIENCE + TRANSIGENCE

ZEALOUS TO MAINTAIN BOND  
 DILIGENT  
 SINCERE, FERTILE

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 SPIRIT'S UNITY, NOT OURS  
 MAINTAIN NOT PROTECT

Rolling in same direction  
 No place for billying pride

**THE SPIRITUAL REALITY OF AUTHENTIC UNITY (EPHESIANS 4:4-6)**

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.

ONE BODY - TRUE UNIV. CHURCH  
 ONE SPIRIT - TRUE HOLY SPIRIT (TEST?)  
 ONE HOPE - TRUE CALLING + FAITH  
 ONE LORD - TRUE JESUS  
 ONE FAITH - TRUE CORE  
 ONE BAPTISM (IN CHRIST) - TRUE FAMILY  
 ONE GOD (FATHER) - TRUE FELLOWSHIP

THIS IS THE DEEPEST REALITY  
 THIS IS WHAT TRUTH UNITES US  
 THIS IS OUR COMFORT + OUR AIM

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 Hebrews 12:1-2 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

HOW DO WE LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT?  
 HOW DO WE LAY ASIDE CLINGING SIN?  
 HOW DO WE RUN W/ ENDURANCE?  
 LOOK TO JESUS.

ACKNOWLEDGE, HONOR, BEAR WITH DIFFERENCES

→ PETER/PAUL BROTHER  
 - NOT MEANT TO GET  
 - JUDAS/BETRAYAL, FEAR

ACKNOWLEDGE (RESPECT) WHO OUR UNITY/SIMILARITIES

ONES OF WORLD/SINN - SO DIFFERENT  
 BLESSED OF HEAVEN/FATHER - UNIFIED IN THE DEEPWAYS