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Division usually comes about when a group of people with shared beliefs loses sight of what unifies them.

If that group does not refocus on what is most important, they will go from being divided to being destroyed.

Ephesians 1:1-2 *“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus¹, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:”*

Ephesians was a circular letter with clarifications on what it means to be the church.

Ephesians 4:1-2 *“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,”*

The Church becomes refocused on unity when it lives out Christlike virtues.

Ephesians 4:3 *“eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*

The Church is not to be focused on creating unity.

The Church is called to maintain the unity it already has.

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.”*

The Church is unified when it refocuses on its common beliefs.

Refocus

Our focus will be that we will be unified by what is primary instead of being divided by what is secondary.

Our focus will be to live out our lives with humility, gentleness, patience, and love.