

I. Eternal Unity - Glory (Ephesians 4:4-6)

- A. Unity's high call (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.”
- B. Unity's humble call (2) – “With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.”
- C. Unity's hardworking call (3) – “Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”
- D. Unity's heavenly call (4-6) – “There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

II. Positional Unity - Security (1 Corinthians 12:12-14) **God sees all His children as one; we must adopt His view**

- A. We are intertwined individuals (12) – “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”
- B. We are immersed by the Spirit into equalizing oneness (13) – “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”
- C. Our oneness does not eradicate our uniqueness (14-17) – “For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?”

III. Missional Unity – Functionality (1 Cor. 12:18-25)

Working together to exalt the Head; all of us as individuals, with unique callings and gifting, personalities and powers, working in cooperation - not competition

“18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose...24 But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

IV. Beautiful Unity – Family (Ephesians 2:18-22)

- A. Our Father (18) - For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”
- B. Our family (19) - “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”
- C. Our faith (20) – “Built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...”
- D. Our filling (21-22) – “...in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”