

Unity of Purpose

Jesus #1 Value is Unity

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:1-6

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Ephesians 4:3

Diagnostic:

Humility
Gentleness / Meekness
Patience
Love

"But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." Ephesians 4:8

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"When you ascended on high, you took many captives; you received gifts from people," Psalms 68:18a

(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:7-16

Everyone has a spiritual gift. 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

Everyone is to be able be an active part of Jesus body (a local church).

How do I grow in Jesus Oneness & Unity?

Receive & Trust Jesus as Savior.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Then Follow Jesus!

Gather Grow Give Go

3 Gift Questions:

- 1. Have you received "The gift of God?" (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- 2. Do you know the special spiritual gift Jesus has given to you?
- 3. Are you currently using your gift(s)?