



Ephesians 4:7-16

## THE ISSUE OF UNITY

### 1. It's An Issue Of \_\_\_\_\_

being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. - Eph 4:3

- We choose to \_\_\_\_\_ the unity or \_\_\_\_\_ the unity

### 2. It's An Issue Of Urgency

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“diligent” – *spoudazo* = to \_\_\_\_\_, hasten

### 3. It's An Issue Of \_\_\_\_\_

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. - Ephesians 4:4–6*

- Christians have a lot in \_\_\_\_\_
- When Christians disagree over non-essentials it \_\_\_\_\_ us from our \_\_\_\_\_

## THE INSTRUMENTS OF UNITY

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." <sup>9</sup> (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) - Ephesians 4:7–10

### 2. Gifted \_\_\_\_\_

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; Ephesians 4:11-12

**“equipping” – *katartismos* = to make fully \_\_\_\_\_**

## **THE INTENT OF UNITY**

### **1. To Look Like \_\_\_\_\_**

until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, - Ephesians 4:13–15

- **We never look more like Jesus than when we’re \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith.**

### **2. To Display \_\_\_\_\_**

from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. - Ephesians 4:14–16

- **When we look like Jesus we look like \_\_\_\_\_**