

Unity in Diversity

Unity is not uniformity, but the challenge is to identify and maintain coherence and unity within a diverse body.

Diversity is by God's _____ and unity is God's _____. Psalm 133:1–3

John 17:20–23

- Unity was the _____ of Jesus' prayer.
- Unity is a _____ of God's redeeming love.

Ephesians 4:1–3 – *“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”*

How can we maintain unity in our diversity?

1. Love must _____ the way. Ephesians 4:3
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4–7
2. Operate out of _____. Ephesians 4:2
3. Choose to be _____. Ephesians 4:2
4. _____ differences instead of _____ differences. Ephesians 4:2

Uniformity has everyone looking and thinking alike. Unanimity is complete agreement across the board. Unity, however, refers to a oneness of heart, a similarity of purpose, and a commitment to live out love in the midst of our differences.