

**“CELEBRATING OUR UNITY”  
Maintain The Unity – Part 1  
May 20, 2007**

**INTRODUCTION**

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**Matthew 22:37-39**

**OUR TEXT**

**I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <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 4:1-6**

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**Ephesians 4:2**

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**Ephesians 4:3**

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**Ephesians 4:4-6**

## TRUTH MATTERS

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Titus 1:4**

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

**Jude 3**

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

**1 Corinthians 1:10**

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

**Philippians 1:27**

### Psalm 133

#### A song of ascents. Of David.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. . . And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Acts 2:42, 46-47**