

# UNITY

Unity is a greatly misunderstood term in the church. Many think that when we agree on something, as in a prayer for the sick, we are in unity. Unity that is biblical is much more than just simple agreement, it involves relationship; it is a heart issue and oneness (covenant) issue.

As a result of the covenant that Jesus made for us, we are baptized in(to) His name and are to abide in Him (1 John 3:24). Therefore, we are in covenant with Him (Matthew 22:27) and with each other (Matthew 22:39), which makes us as one.

John 17:23

*“I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.”*

Notice that we are to have right covenant relationships with both Him and other believers. When we do, we are truly friends of God, we all walk in the light, and the power of the cross is appropriated in our lives to include forgiveness of sins.

1 John 1:7

*“but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

When we judge or come against another, we come against their covenant partner (God) and this sets God against us.

Matthew 25:40

*“And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, {even} the least {of them,} you did it to Me.'”*

When we are right with God and one another, the devil hates it because we can overwhelm him with a powerful spiritual synergism – he is aware of this and that’s why he brings division to prevent any such unity on that level. God, on the other hand, loves it and will bless it with an outpouring of His Spirit.

Psalm 133:1-3

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, {even} Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes.*

*It is like the dew of Hermon, coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing-- life forever.”*