



The Bible's Guide For **Unity**

**“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For
brethren to dwell together in **unity!**”**

Psalms 133:1

What Does the Bible Teach About Unity?

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that **they also may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

John 17:20-21

“Be of the **same mind toward one another**. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

Romans 12:16



What Does the Bible Teach About Unity?

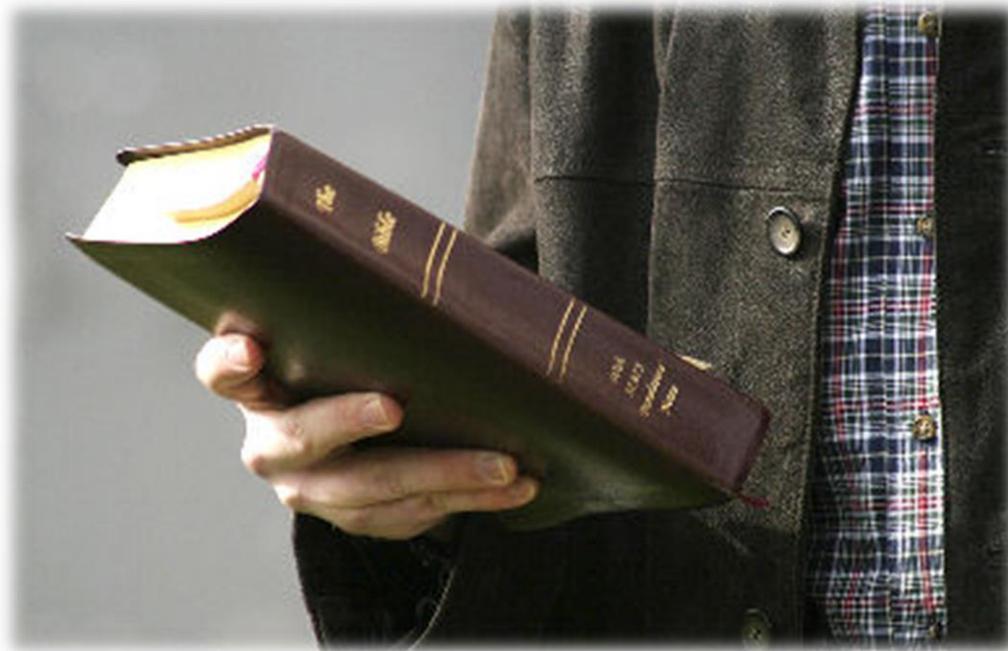
“Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to **be like-minded** toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,”
Romans 15:5

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, **be of one mind**, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”
2 Corinthians 13:11



Unity Requires A Standard

- **A Standard requires submission**
Psalms 119:104-105; 40:8
- **Can't set up unrealistic standards**
Matthew 7:21; Acts 23:1





The Bible is Our Standard

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but **My words** will by no means pass away.”

Matthew 24:35

“And you shall **know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:32

“You are already clean **because of the word** which I have spoken to you.”

John 15:3





The Bible is Our Standard

“The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have **not strayed from Your precepts.**”

Psalms 119:110

“The entrance of **Your words gives light;**
It gives understanding to the simple.”

Psalms 119:130

“The **entirety of Your word is truth,**
And every one of Your righteous
judgments endures forever.”

Psalms 119:160



The Bible is Our Standard

“But the word of the LORD endures forever.”

Now **this is the word which by the gospel**
was preached to you.”

1 Peter 1:25

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul
and spirit, and of joints and marrow,
and is a discerner of the thoughts
and intents of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12

The Bible is Our Standard

“All **Scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the **word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**”

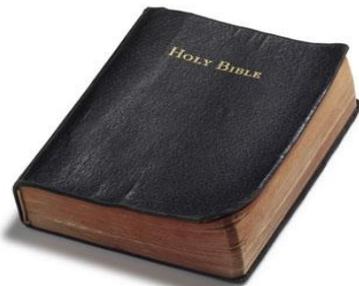
John 12:48

Some Have Not Learned the Importance of Listening to God

- Bible unity is only achieved by keeping the truth of God's Word
 - Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-2)
 - Uzzah (2 Samuel 6:6-7)
 - Today (2 John 9)

We must never seek unity at all costs.

We must seek unity based on the truth.



UNITY



Unity in Practice

- **Commanded to have unity**
 - 1 Corinthians 1:10
- **Must exhibit genuine care and concern for Christ and the Brethren**
 - Philippians 2:1-4
- **Love is a necessary ingredient**
 - 1 John 4:7-8, 20-21
- **Jerusalem church proved the possibility and blessings of unity**
 - Acts 2:42-47; 4:32
- **Bible unity has been established**
 - Ephesians 4:1-7

Must stay focused on the Bible to achieve **UNITY**

Is it Possible For Us to Have



Yes,

IF

One is willing to **repent** and
submit to the authority of Christ

May we all strive to put God and others first in our life
so that we can remain **focused on His will** while
teaching and exhorting one another!