

UNIFIED, UNIFY, UNION, UNISON, UNITE, UNITED, UNITES, UNITING, UNITY

God saw that in the days immediately after the Flood, people were **unified** and spoke the same language. Because of this they would be able to do whatever they imagined (and what mankind imagined was wickedness and idolatry).

- **Genesis 11:6:** "And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

The reason there are different languages in the world is because God didn't want the wicked people of this world to be **unified** and able to do anything they imagined. (In other words, God is the one who caused different languages to be spoken throughout the world, and the reason He did it was to *prevent* mankind from being unified. If the wicked nations of this world were fully unified, they would do horrible things.)

- **Genesis 11:6-7:** "And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. "

All of the tribes of Israel **unified** against the city of Gibeah (except for the tribe of Benjamin, which chose to go to war in order to protect the mob who raped a woman to death).

- **Judges 20:11-14:** "So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man. And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you? Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel. But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel."

When the twelve servants of Abner met the twelve servants of Joab, they didn't actually fight. Instead they committed mass suicide by grabbing one another in **unison** and then stabbing each another (which was senseless).

- **2 Samuel 2:14-16:** "And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkathhazzurim, which is in Gibeon."

David was concerned that if Sheba was allowed to escape then he would do more harm than Absalom. (However, he was wrong. Absalom **united** the entire nation against him and stole their hearts, which Sheba didn't do. Absalom also raped ten of David's concubines. Compared to Absalom, Sheba was harmless. In the end the only thing Sheba's rebellion

accomplished was getting himself killed.)

- **2 Samuel 20:6:** "And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us."

David prayed that God would **unite** his heart so that he feared His name.

- **Psalm 86:11:** "Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name."

It's good and pleasant for people to live together in **unity**.

- **Psalm 133:1:** "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Unity is precious.

- **Psalm 133:1-2:** "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;"

The psalmist compared **unity** to something that was holy. (The ointment that was put on the head of the high priest was holy anointing oil.)

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The psalmist compared **unity** to dew. (Both dew and unity can give life, and are great blessings.)

- **Psalm 133:1, 3:** "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ... As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

The four living creatures who were connected to the throne of God acted in **unison**, as if they were a single living creature.

- **Ezekiel 1:5-6, 9:** "Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. ... Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward."

God told Ezekiel that He was going to take the two separate sticks (which represented the tribes of Judah and Joseph) and **unite** them into a single stick. (This meant that one day God was going to gather the tribes of Israel back to the promised land, and reunite them into a single nation with a single ruler.)

- **Ezekiel 37:16-17, 21-22:** "Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions: And join

them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. ... And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all."

God told Hosea that one day Judah and Israel would be a single **united** nation again. They wouldn't always be separate kingdoms.

- **Hosea 1:11:** "Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel."

In marriage, God takes two people and **unites** them together into a single person. (This means God intended for a man and his wife to be fully in agreement, having one mind and one will.) God considers divorce to be an act of treachery which separates that which He has joined together.

- **Malachi 2:14-15:** "Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal

treacherously against the wife of his youth."

One of the ancestors of Jesus was Solomon, who was the product of the **union** between David and Bathsheba. (Solomon was an ancestor through Joseph, the adopted father of Jesus.)

- **Matthew 1:6:** "And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;"

People aren't **united** in marriage by the government or by a pastor. Instead they're united in marriage by God. (Marriage existed long before there were governments or pastors.)

- **Matthew 19:6:** "Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

The reason divorce is wrong is because God is the one who **unites** people in marriage. Since marriage is an act of God (and *not* an act of the state or the church), divorce destroys something that He created.

- **Matthew 19:6, 9:** "Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. ... And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

It's important for nations to be **unified**. Nations that are divided against themselves will fall.

- **Mark 3:24:** "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."
- **Luke 11:17:** "But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth."

It's important for households to be **unified**. Households that are divided against themselves will fall.

- **Mark 3:25:** "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."
- **Luke 11:17:** "But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth."

Jesus wasn't born by a normal physical **union**. Instead He was the product of the Holy Spirit (which is how He was able to be born of a virgin).

- **Luke 1:34-35:** "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Jesus said that He was going to **unite** both Jews and the Gentiles into one fold (the church).

- **John 10:16:** "And other sheep I have, which are not of

this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

In the earliest days of the church, there was **unity**.

- **Acts 4:32:** "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common."

In the earliest days of the church, the apostles were in one accord. They were **unified**.

- **Acts 5:12:** "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch."

In the letter that the church at Jerusalem wrote to the Gentiles, they said there was in **unity** over their message that obeying the Mosaic Law wasn't required for salvation. There was no disagreement among them over this topic.

- **Acts 15:25, 28-29:** "It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ... For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."

There were times when the apostles fought with one another

and weren't in **unity**.

- **Acts 15:37-39:** "And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;"

Since the body of Christ is composed of all Christians, that means we should all be working together for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom. There should be **unity** in the body because we're all part of Christ.

- **Romans 12:5:** "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

The body of Christ is commanded to be **unified**. Christians must seek to have the same mind.

- **Romans 12:16:** "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits."

Unity comes from God.

- **Romans 15:5:** "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:"

Christians must be **unified** in Christ. We must be unified in the truth (instead of obtaining unity by rejecting the truth).

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One of the reasons Christians must be **unified** is so we can properly glorify God the Father.

- **Romans 15:6:** "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

It's important for churches to be **unified** in both teaching and doctrine.

- **1 Corinthians 1:10:** "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

The apostle Paul said that Jesus has made one new man out of two. (This seems to refer to taking both Jews and Gentiles and **uniting** them into one body, the church.)

- **Ephesians 2:15:** "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;"

Unity among Christians comes through the Holy Spirit.

- **Ephesians 4:3:** "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

The true church and the true gospel isn't divided. Instead it's **unified**. There's only one body of Christ (and one Holy Spirit).

- **Ephesians 4:4:** "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;"

One day all Christians will be **unified** in the faith.

- **Ephesians 4:13:** "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:"

The gospel of Christ teaches **unity**. Christians are to have one mind, since there is only one faith and one gospel.

- **Philippians 1:27:** "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;"

It's important for churches to be **unified**. That unity needs to come from everyone having the same mind, not everyone agreeing to disagree.

- **Philippians 2:2:** "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."
- **Philippians 4:2:** "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord."

God doesn't say that Christians should achieve **unity** through compromise. Instead He commands Christians to achieve unity by having one mind.

- **1 Peter 3:8:** "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:"