Unity In The Body

Bible Passage: [1 Corinthians 12:12–27](/references/bible%2Bkjv.67.12.12-67.12.27), [Ephesians 4:3–6](/references/bible%2Bkjv.70.4.3-70.4.6), [John 17:20–23](/references/bible%2Bkjv.64.17.20-64.17.23), [Romans 12:4–5](/references/bible%2Bkjv.66.12.4-66.12.5), [Colossians 3:14](/references/bible%2Bkjv.72.3.14), [Psalm 133:1](/references/bible%2Bkjv.19.133.1), [1 Corinthians 1:10](/references/bible%2Bkjv.67.1.10), [2 Corinthians 13:11](/references/bible%2Bkjv.68.13.11), [Acts 4:32](/references/bible%2Bkjv.65.4.32), [John 13:35](/references/bible%2Bkjv.64.13.35)

Summary: This collection of passages highlights the importance of unity among believers in the body of Christ, emphasizing how each member plays a vital role in building a harmonious in Our Families and homes, an communities that reflects God’s love and purpose.

***When we Acts***: In a world fragmented by strife and division, this message encourages Christians to actively pursue unity within their churches and communities. By understanding their unique roles in the body of Christ, believers can support one another, heal relational wounds, and live out a testimony of love that draws others to Christ.

***What it Teaching***: The sermon teaches that unity is not only a desirable trait but a biblical mandate for the church. It provides insights into the nature of unity as it relates to diversity within the body of Christ, showing how collective strength can be harnessed for God's glory.

How this passage could point to Christ: Christ is the ultimate example of unity; through His sacrificial love and prayer for believers (as seen in [John 17](/references/bible%2Bkjv.64.17)), He binds together a diverse body of individuals into one family. His call for unity encourages believers to reflect His character in their relationships with each other.

[1 Corinthians 12:12–27](/references/bible%2Bkjv.67.12.12-67.12.27) “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.

[Romans 12:4–5](/references/bible%2Bkjv.66.12.4-66.12.5) “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”

[Ephesians 4:3–6](/references/bible%2Bkjv.70.4.3-70.4.6) “Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

[John 17:20–23](/references/bible%2Bkjv.64.17.20-64.17.23) “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”

[Colossians 3:14](/references/bible%2Bkjv.72.3.14) “And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”

[Psalm 133:1](/references/bible%2Bkjv.19.133.1) “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!”

[1 Corinthians 1:10](/references/bible%2Bkjv.67.1.10) “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.”

[2 Corinthians 13:11](/references/bible%2Bkjv.68.13.11) “Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.”

[Acts 4:32](/references/bible%2Bkjv.65.4.32) “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.”

[John 13:35](/references/bible.64.13.35) “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

Unity is important in the Bible because it is essential for glorifying God, revealing Christ's identity, providing a powerful witness to the world, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work effectively through diverse people. It is a divine command, modeled by the Triune God, that brings comfort, peace, and spiritual growth to believers and the church.

Reasons for Unity in the Bible

1. **Glorifying God**
   * Harmony and unity among believers allow them to glorify God with one voice and one mind, according to [Romans 15:5-6](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=Romans+15%3A5-6&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegQINxAB&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3).
2. **Revealing Christ's Identity**
   * The unity of God's people serves as an apologetic for the world, demonstrating that Jesus was sent by God, according to [John 17:21](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=John+17%3A21&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI7gEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3).
3. **A Powerful Testimony to the World**
   * Christian unity is a supernatural sign that testifies to the world about Jesus Christ, according to [John 17:21](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=John+17%3A21&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI4gEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3).
4. **Enabling the Holy Spirit**
   * The [Holy Spirit](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=Holy+Spirit&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI4wEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3) brings diverse people together in unity, demonstrating the power of God and enabling the church to function as one body with many parts, as described in [1 Corinthians 12:12-13](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=1+Corinthians+12%3A12-13&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI4wEQAg&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3).
5. **A Reflection of the Divine Unity**
   * Believers are called to be one, mirroring the oneness of the Father and the Son, reflecting the very life of God.
6. **A Command from Christ**
   * The Bible contains repeated calls for believers to live in harmony and be of one mind, such as in [Philippians 2:1-3](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=Philippians+2%3A1-3&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI4QEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3) and [1 Corinthians 1:10](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=1+Corinthians+1%3A10&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI4QEQAg&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3).
7. **A Source of Blessing and Peace**
   * Unity brings blessings, peace, and pleasantness, as David noted in [Psalm 133:1-3](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=Psalm+133%3A1-3&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI7wEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3).
8. **Identity in Christ**
   * In [Galatians 3:26-28](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=Galatians+3%3A26-28&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI1AEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3), Paul explains that all who are in Christ are one, dissolving distinctions like Jew and Gentile, slave and free, male and female, uniting them in one body.
9. **Spiritual Health of the Church**
   * Unity fosters the supernatural growth of the church, creating a strong community that is built on God's word and the truth of the gospel, according to [Ephesians 1:10](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=Ephesians+1%3A10&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI5AEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3).
10. **Countering Division and Disunity**
    * The Bible encourages believers to strive for full restoration, to be of one mind, and to avoid division, which can stem from sin and false doctrine, as mentioned in [2 Corinthians 13:11](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=2+Corinthians+13%3A11&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI7QEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3) and [Romans 12:18](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=579135331b5c96bb&biw=1872&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifPOnJG-niFV5ngInlr6XwaG7c_Uxg%3A1760278625305&q=Romans+12%3A18&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH5Krx7J6QAxWqQTABHSIvJ5oQxccNegUI7QEQAg&mstk=AUtExfBpqYSUrjoItYKSklGGHkiznAdxqsXYYMhseAS8pOfVLFuw3uHLU2FDKbP51KkhdkO8HuMrxamGFYH0bQONeJwc40D4okmIpJzaiQgh4EMF35JxZlLYMy7k7zK6PJO7cXfNAiiENpv4rVsFTBrsQ3t490qr8D9tUA_FFL2mfv6Zv6677SZ2ZUlPckF3TyDerDU-S3G1UEkgNNF9IHZpQV6c53ecHcV4VRXuRRdwzc-pHwJdJF2IAZJFb4Vp36lMWzJNsxD1_uRS6T5ww33ILC9L&csui=3).