

THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH Ephesians 4:1-6

- I. **A unifying church member will respond to the call of unity (1).**
Ephesians 1:18: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that you may know what is the hope of His calling**, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.
- 1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him **who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**
- II. **A unifying church member will develop the character of unity (2-3).**
Philippians 2:3: Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in **lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.**
- Philippians 4:5: **Let your gentleness be known to all men.** The Lord is at hand.
- Colossians 3:12, 14: Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, **longsuffering.** 14 But above all these things put on love, **which is the bond of perfection.**
- III. **A unifying church member will submit to the God of unity (4-6).**
- A. **Unity in God the Spirit (4).**
Ephesians 2:22: in whom you also are being built together **for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**
- B. **Unity in God the Son (5).**
Romans 12:5: so we, *being* many, **are one body in Christ**, and individually members of one another.
- C. **Unity in God the Father (6).**
1 Corinthians 8:6: yet for us there is one God, the Father, **of whom are all things**, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom are all things, and through whom we live.**