



Unity in the Body of Christ

Note:

This series will focus on the aspects of unity in the body of Christ. These outlines should provide a strong foundation for the overall concept of unity, how unity is important in the church and in our lives, and why we must strive for unity.

Each Lesson will consist of the following:

- Lesson Illustration
- Key Scriptures
- The Focus of the Lesson
- Key Points
- Three Discussion Questions
- Notes section for teachers

The student will be able to do the following:

- Read the key scriptures and ask what stands out.
- Spend 5 minutes on each key point.
- Spend 5 minutes on each discussion question.



Weekly Lessons

1. Understanding Unity in the Body of Christ
2. The Role of Love in Unity
3. Embracing Diversity in the Body
4. Humility and Servanthood in Unity
5. Forgiveness as a Path to Unity
6. Overcoming Division
7. Building Unity Through Encouragement
8. Pursuing Peace and Unity
9. Unity through Shared Vision and Purpose
10. Unity in Worship and Fellowship
11. Unity in Prayer and Intercession
12. Living out Unity in Everyday Life

Week 1

Understanding Unity in the Body of Christ

Lesson Illustration:

Imagine a choir singing a complex piece of music. Each section has its unique parts – the sopranos soar on the melody, the tenors harmonize, the basses provide depth, and the altos add richness. If one section tried to outshine the others or ignored the conductor, the music would lose its harmony and impact. But when each section follows the conductor and works together, they produce a beautiful sound that's much greater than individual voices alone. In the same way, unity in the church magnifies our message and impact on the world.

Key Scripture:

Ephesians 4:1-6

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3** eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Week 1 cont.

John 17:20-26

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. **24** Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Focus:

Understanding the concept of unity in the body of Christ and why it is important.

Key Points:

1. Definition of Unity: Unity in the Body of Christ is a spiritual oneness where believers are bound by love and purpose through faith in Christ.
2. Jesus' Prayer for Unity: Jesus' prayer for believers in John 17 emphasizes that unity is essential to our witness in the world.
3. Unity as a Reflection of God's Nature: Our unity reflects the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, demonstrating God's love to the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does unity among believers reflect God's love to the world?
2. What does it mean to be “one” in the Body of Christ?
3. How can we actively respond to Jesus' prayer for unity?

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Week 2

The Role of Love in Unity

Lesson Illustration:

Think of the church as a collection of metal pieces of varying shapes and sizes, each one drawn together by a powerful magnet. Love is that magnet—it draws us together, overcoming our differences and creating a bond that unites us. Just as a magnet attracts and holds even the most diverse pieces of metal, love is the bond that holds the church together, helping us work through our differences to form a unified, effective body.

Key Scripture:

Colossians 3:12-14

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Week 2 cont.

The Focus:

The impact of love on improving unity within the church.

Key Points:

1. Love as the Foundation of Unity: Love is the binding force that enables us to work together, forgive, and serve each other.
2. Love in Action: Loving others in practical ways strengthens unity and builds a supportive community.
3. The Challenge of Love: Loving one another in diversity requires patience, forgiveness, and a commitment to understanding.

Discussion Questions:

1. How can love help us overcome differences within the Body of Christ?
2. Why is love essential to maintaining unity in the church?
3. What practical steps can we take to love each other better?

Notes:

Week 3

Embracing Diversity in the Body

Lesson Illustration:

A puzzle is made up of many unique pieces. If even one piece is missing, the picture isn't complete. Each piece, with its unique shape, color, and place, is essential to forming the entire image. Just like these pieces, each member of the Body of Christ has a unique role, perspective, and gifting that contributes to the bigger picture. Unity doesn't mean sameness; it means each person finding their place, fitting together with others, and creating a complete and beautiful reflection of Christ.

Key Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. **14** For the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” **22** On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, **24** which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,

Week 3 cont.

25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. **27** Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Romans 12:4-8

4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, **5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. **6** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; **7** if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; **8** the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

The Focus:

Recognizing the importance of diversity in the Kingdom of God.

Key Points:

1. Diversity of Gifts and Roles: Each member of the Body has unique gifts and roles, contributing to the overall health and function of the church.
2. Unity in Diversity: Unity does not mean uniformity; it involves appreciating and celebrating our differences.
3. Working Together: Embracing diversity allows the Body to function fully, as each member contributes in their unique way.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does diversity strengthen the church?
2. What can we learn from different perspectives and backgrounds within the Body of Christ?
3. How can we ensure every member feels valued and included?

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Week 4

Humility and Servanthood in Unity

Lesson Illustration:

In the past, elevator attendants were common in high-rise buildings. Their job was to stand in the elevator, pressing buttons and greeting people as they entered and exited. Though seemingly humble, their role served everyone in the building, making sure they arrived safely at their destinations. Jesus showed us that greatness in His kingdom comes from humble service. When we serve one another humbly, we elevate each other, promoting unity and building a supportive community.

Key Scripture:

Philippians 2:1-4

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Mark 12:42-45

42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Week 4 cont.

The Focus:

Understanding and embracing a servant heart to increase unity.

Key Points:

1. Humility as a Foundation for Unity: Putting others before ourselves fosters an environment of respect and harmony.
2. Serving One Another: Jesus models servant leadership, showing that serving others is central to maintaining unity.
3. Avoiding Selfish Ambition: Focusing on shared goals over individual desires nurtures unity within the Body.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does humility promote unity within the church?
2. What are ways we can practice servanthood toward each other?
3. How can we avoid letting personal ambitions interfere with unity?

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Week 5

Forgiveness as a Path to Unity

Lesson Illustration:

Imagine walking with a small stone in your shoe. Even though it's tiny, it causes discomfort with every step until it's removed. Holding onto resentment or refusing to forgive is like carrying that stone—it creates pain and disrupts our journey. Just as removing the stone allows us to walk freely, forgiveness removes the barriers to unity in the Body of Christ. When we forgive, we release what holds us back from truly being united with others.

Key Scripture:

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” **22** Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. **24** When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25** And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. **26** So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ **27** And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. **28** But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ **29** So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ **30** He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

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31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. **32** Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' **34** And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. **35** So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Colossians 3:12-13

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

The Focus:

Recognizing that forgiveness is essential in being like Jesus.

Key Points:

1. Forgiveness is Essential for Reconciliation: Forgiving one another helps restore relationships and prevents divisions.
2. Learning to Let Go: Holding onto grudges hinders unity, while forgiveness allows us to move forward together.
3. Christ as Our Example: Jesus' example teaches us that forgiveness is a powerful testimony to others.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is forgiveness necessary for unity?
2. What are some challenges to forgiving others within the Body?
3. How can we encourage a culture of forgiveness in our church?

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Week 6

Overcoming Division

Lesson Illustration:

A bridge connects two sides, allowing people to cross easily. But when a bridge is damaged, the connection is lost, and travel becomes difficult. Division in the church is like a broken bridge; it hinders fellowship and cooperation. Just as restoring a bridge allows people to cross freely again, healing divisions restores unity, enabling us to work together and support each other once more. Christ calls us to repair and maintain the bridges between us through understanding and reconciliation.

Key Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. **11** For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. **12** What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." **13** Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? **14** I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15** so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. **16** (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Week 6 cont.

Titus 3:9-11

9 But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. **10** As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, **11** knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

The Focus:

Why we must overcome division and be one in the body of Christ.

Key Points:

1. Identifying Sources of Division: Conflict can arise from misunderstandings, personal preferences, and pride.
2. Resolving Conflict Biblically: Addressing issues in love and humility prevents divisions from taking root.
3. Unity over Opinions: Focusing on core beliefs rather than minor differences fosters unity.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some common sources of division within the church?
2. How can we address conflict in ways that promote unity?
3. Why is it important to focus on what unites us rather than what divides us?

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Week 7

Building Unity Through Encouragement

Lesson Illustration:

Starting a fire with large logs alone can be difficult, but adding small pieces of kindling helps the fire grow stronger and brighter. Encouragement in the church works like that kindling. It may seem small, but each word of encouragement ignites passion and resilience in others, helping the fire of unity burn brighter. When we build each other up with our words and actions, we create a warmth and strength that unifies the Body of Christ.

Key Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 5:5-11

5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Hebrews 10:23-25

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Week 7 cont.

The Focus:

The role of encouragement when building up the bonds of unity.

Key Points:

1. The Power of Encouragement: Encouraging one another strengthens faith and builds unity.
2. Supporting Each Other in Challenges: Being present and offering words of hope promotes a sense of belonging.
3. Cultivating an Encouraging Community: Encouragement helps members feel valued, fostering a supportive and unified church.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does encouragement contribute to unity?
2. What are ways we can encourage each other regularly?
3. How can we create a culture of encouragement in our church?

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Week 8

Pursuing Peace and Unity

Lesson Illustration:

Imagine a ship navigating through stormy seas. Amidst the chaos, the captain seeks calm waters where the ship can be anchored and secure. In a world of conflict and discord, the church can be a place of peace, where people find security and refuge. When we actively pursue peace, we provide stability to others, fostering unity that helps us weather life's storms together as a united Body in Christ.

Key Scripture:

Romans 12:14-19

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Ephesians 4:1-3

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3** eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Week 8 cont.

The Focus:

Peace and unity work together and build up the church.

Key Points:

1. Making Every Effort for Peace: Pursuing peace requires intentionality, patience, and willingness to listen.
2. Peace as a Fruit of Unity: When we live in peace, unity naturally follows, allowing the Body to function as God intended.
3. Overcoming Obstacles to Peace: We need to actively seek reconciliation and peace, setting aside pride and selfishness.

Discussion Questions:

1. How can we “make every effort” to pursue peace with others?
2. Why is peace essential to unity within the church?
3. What can we do when peace is challenging to achieve?

Notes:

Week 9

Unity Through Shared Vision and Purpose

Lesson Illustration:

In a relay race, each runner's goal is to finish the race, but their success depends on passing the baton and working together toward the same finish line. Each team member's role is crucial, and they work together toward a shared goal. The church is like a relay team, united by a shared vision to serve Christ and spread His love. When we stay focused on our common purpose, we move forward together in harmony, accomplishing more than we could alone.

Key Scripture:

Acts 2:42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common. **45** And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Week 9 cont.

Philippians 1:27-30

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, **28** and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. **29** For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, **30** engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Focus:

The importance of focusing on our shared purpose through unity.

Key Points:

1. A Common Vision: When believers share a common vision, it fosters unity and aligns their actions toward God's mission.
2. Living Out Our Purpose Together: Focusing on our purpose to serve God and others strengthens bonds and prevents division.
3. Moving as One Body: Working together toward a shared goal demonstrates unity and attracts others to the church.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does a shared vision unite the church?
2. What are some common purposes that unify us as believers?
3. How can we stay focused on our shared purpose amidst distractions?

Notes:

Week 10

Unity in Worship and Fellowship

Lesson Illustration:

Picture a symphony orchestra, made up of different instruments—strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion—each unique in sound and style. Each instrument section plays its part, yet they all follow the same sheet of music under the direction of one conductor. If one musician decided to go off on their own melody or speed, the harmony would fall apart. However, when each musician plays in sync with the others, the result is a breathtaking piece of music, something no single instrument could achieve alone.

In the same way, unity in worship and fellowship requires that we each bring our unique gifts and perspectives but align ourselves to one common purpose: glorifying God.

Key Scripture:

Psalms 133:1-3

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! **2** It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! **3** It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Week 10 cont.

Acts 4:32-35

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. **33** And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **34** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold **35** and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Focus:

Our focus must be on who we are worshipping and how we are doing it.

Key Points:

1. **Worshiping Together Builds Unity:** Corporate worship brings us into God's presence, uniting our hearts and minds in reverence and praise.
2. **Fellowship as Unity in Action:** Genuine fellowship encourages us to support each other, sharing in joys and burdens alike.
3. **Strengthening Bonds Through Gathering:** Regular fellowship strengthens relationships, creating a more unified and resilient community.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is worship important for building unity?
2. How does fellowship contribute to the strength of the Body of Christ?
3. What are ways we can create stronger bonds within our church?

Notes:

Week 11

Unity in Prayer and Intercession

Lesson Illustration:

Picture a thick rope made up of many smaller, intertwined cords. Each cord alone would be weak, but together, they form a strong and unbreakable bond. Our prayers for each other work in the same way. Alone, our prayers are meaningful, but when we come together in prayer, interceding for one another, we create a bond of unity that strengthens the Body of Christ and reminds us of our shared dependence on God.

Key Scripture:

Matthew 18:18-20

18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **19** Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

James 5:13-18

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. **16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. **17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. **18** Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Week 11 cont.

The Focus:

The power of power and intercession in the bonds of unity.

Key Points:

1. Praying Together for Unity: Praying together allows the Holy Spirit to work, aligning our hearts and intentions.
2. Interceding for Each Other: Praying for one another strengthens bonds and demonstrates love and care.
3. Experiencing God's Power in Unity: United prayer has a powerful impact, bringing breakthroughs and deepening fellowship.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does praying together foster unity?
2. Why is intercession important in building unity within the Body?
3. What can we do to make prayer a more integral part of our fellowship?

Notes:

Week 12

Living Out Unity in Everyday Life

Lesson Illustration:

In a three-legged race, two people tie their legs together and must work in perfect coordination to cross the finish line. It requires patience, communication, and a willingness to adapt to each other's movements. Living out unity daily can feel like a three-legged race—we must learn to move together, adjusting our pace and being patient with one another. It's challenging but rewarding, and it reminds us that unity requires commitment and constant practice in our everyday interactions.

Key Scripture:

John 13:31-35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. **32** If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. **33** Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ **34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Romans 15:1-7

1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. **2** Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. **3** For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” **4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. **5** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, **6** that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **7** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Week 12 cont.

The Focus:

How can we live out and instill unity in our everyday life.

Key Points:

1. Unity as Our Witness: When we live out unity daily, we demonstrate God's love to the world, showing that Christians are bound by love and grace.
2. Encouraging Unity in Relationships: Practicing unity in personal relationships—through kindness, patience, and empathy—helps build a strong, supportive community.
3. Commitment to Unity in Every Area: Unity isn't limited to church gatherings; it extends to all areas of life, making us agents of peace and love in our workplaces, families, and neighborhoods.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does living out unity impact our witness to others?
2. What are practical ways to encourage unity in our everyday relationships?
3. How can we bring unity into areas of life outside of church?

Notes:



Free Resources

1. Blue Letter Bible

(<https://www.blueletterbible.org/>)

2. Got Questions

<https://www.gotquestions.org/>

3. The Bible Project

<https://bibleproject.com/>