



The Holy Spirit & the Unity of the Church

Luke 2:42-47 (GNT) ⁴² They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers. ⁴³ Many miracles and wonders were being done through the apostles, and everyone was filled with awe. ⁴⁴ All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. ⁴⁵ They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all, according to what each one needed. ⁴⁶ Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

- People were being drawn to Jesus because they encountered the presence of God within a Spirit-filled _____.
- That kind of life is deeply _____.
- The church does not become attractive by trying to imitate the culture around it; the church becomes attractive when it becomes _____ in the Holy Spirit.
- When people encounter genuine love, sacrificial generosity, heartfelt worship, and the reality of God's presence, they begin to see a glimpse of the _____.
- The church being the _____ is attractational all on its own.

- The miracle of Pentecost was not _____. God didn't _____ their differences.
- The Spirit did not create _____; He created _____.
- The church was never meant to be united primarily by what we are _____.
- Warfare is not the center of our _____; _____ is.
- The unity of the church is not rooted in fear, outrage, or opposition. It is rooted in _____.
 - We have encountered the same _____.
 - We have been forgiven by the same _____.
 - We have been filled with the same _____.
- Unity built around _____ will always outlast unity built around _____.
- The church was never meant to operate as a flashlight pointed at our enemies. It was meant to become a _____ where people encounter the _____ and _____ of Jesus.
- The reason the early church was so compelling was that people looked at them and saw something completely _____.
- They genuinely loved one another across lines that normally _____ people.
- The _____ creates that kind of community.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NLT) ⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

- We live in a world disciplined by _____.
- When the church forgets that its center is Jesus, _____ multiplies quickly.
- Unity in the Spirit does not require the absence of _____. It requires the presence of _____ and _____.
- The world does not need another _____ tribe; the world needs a _____ - _____ church.
- Unity becomes possible not when human beings figure things out, but when the Spirit of God is being poured out on the dry ground of our hearts and lives.