



5-Day Devotional: Unity in Christ

Day 1: Essential Unity

Read: Ephesians 4:1-6

The church stands united not on preferences but on essential truths. Just as the early believers in Rome struggled with differences over food and celebrations, we face our own divisions today. Paul reminds us there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." Our unity isn't found in agreement on worship styles, schooling choices, or political affiliations. It's anchored in Christ alone. When we elevate preferences to the level of doctrine, we create unnecessary division. Today, ask yourself: Am I fighting for essentials or preferences? Are my convictions rooted in Scripture's clear teaching or personal comfort? True unity begins when we rally around who Jesus is, what He accomplished, and the mission He's given us together.

Day 2: Freedom with Responsibility

Read: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Christian freedom is a beautiful gift, but it comes with profound responsibility. Paul teaches that knowledge without love destroys. You may have freedom to do something, but mature believers ask not "Can I?" but "Should I?" Your liberty should never become a stumbling block for weaker believers. Consider your actions through the lens of love: Does this build up my brother or sister? Does this advance God's kingdom? Your freedom isn't just about you—it's about the witness of Christ's body. Today, identify one area where you might exercise restraint for the sake of others. This isn't legalism; it's love in action, choosing the spiritual health of others over personal preference.

Day 3: Avoiding Division

Read: Romans 16:17-20

Scripture gives a sobering warning: mark and avoid those who cause division. This isn't unloving—it's protective. Divisive people don't serve Christ; they serve their own appetites, using smooth talk to deceive. Throughout history, the church's greatest threat hasn't been external persecution but internal division. Churches rarely split over core doctrine but over styles, preferences, and personalities. As new creation people, we bear responsibility to guard unity. This requires discernment to identify those who consistently sow discord and courage to establish boundaries. Today, examine your own heart: Am I a peacemaker or a troublemaker? Do I gossip or build up? Commit to being someone who protects unity.



Day 4: The Mission Above Self

Read: Luke 9:23-27

Jesus' call is radical: deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Him. This isn't about self-improvement but self-death. When we're consumed with our rights, preferences, and freedoms, we miss the mission. Unity is produced when we collectively pursue God's purposes together. The question shifts from "What can I get away with and still make heaven?" to "How fully am I embracing God's mission?" Every ethnic group, every background, every personality—all united under the cross for His glory. This is the church functioning as Christ intended. Today, surrender one personal preference that might hinder your full participation in God's mission. Die to self and watch unity flourish.

Day 5: Love in All Things

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." This ancient wisdom culminates in love. You can have perfect doctrine, strong convictions, and clear boundaries, but without love, you're just noise. Love doesn't insist on its own way. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs. It believes, hopes, and endures all things. The church is the laboratory where we learn to love diverse people—different politically, culturally, preferentially—yet united in Christ. This kind of love isn't natural; it's supernatural, flowing from the Holy Spirit. As you close this reading plan, commit to being a person marked by love. Let love guide your convictions, your freedoms, and your pursuit of unity.