

MESSAGE NOTES

“ONE” series
“Make Us ONE”
(Text: John 17:20-23)

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(1) The purpose of unity is _____, not _____.

How will the world be WON through the church being ONE?

a) When we _____ around a _____
(Acts 2:47b).

b) When we _____ for unity _____
(Acts 2:46-47a).

c) When we live _____ (Acts 2:45).

d) When we _____ and _____ together
(Acts 2:44).

e) When _____ does what _____ can do
(Acts 2:43).

f) When we _____ ourselves to what is most
_____ (Acts 2:42).

Ephesians 4:1-7

(2) Unity comes from _____, not _____.

1 Peter 3:15

Ephesians 4:15

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TAKING IT HOME

For the week of August 30, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. How does it feel when you realize someone is praying for you? What would you want a prayer warrior to pray for on your behalf?

2. What does Jesus' command in **John 13:34-35** teach us about the purpose of unity among Christians?

3. Read **John 17:20-23**. If all you knew about unity was based on these verses, how would you define Christian unity?

What is the result of unity among believers?

4. How does the presence or lack of unity in the church either confirm the power of the Gospel or deny it?

Why do so many churches struggle to be unified? What does a lack of unity communicate about the way we view God and the Gospel?

5. Read **Ephesians 2:19-22**. What three images did Paul use to help believers understand their unity in Christ? Which of Paul's analogies best helps you understand your relationship to other believers? Why?

Why does the Bible so closely link our relationships with others to our union with Christ?

6. What is one way we can pursue the kind of unity Jesus prayed for by sacrificing some element of our own preferences?