

Bible Study 9 – Unity in the church – Ephesians 4:1-6

In the USA, there are at least 65 different denominations and fellowships of Baptists. And Christians are Catholic and Protestant and Orthodox, pre- and post-millennial, Arminians and Calvinists, traditional and contemporary, and so on. It's okay to have differences. That's part of being human. It's the way God made us. Husbands and wives have differences, but work hard at building on common ground in the face of all sorts of situations and obstacles. Differences aren't the problem. It's how we handle the differences. Today we look at Paul's appeal to the church to be united.

The context	Believers have spiritual blessings “in Christ”. History is heading towards bringing everything together in unity under Christ. The Holy Spirit is a deposit that guarantees our resurrection. Paul prayed that they would know God better, experience the hope of Christ’s return & be more like Jesus. Salvation is a gift received from God. That people of all cultures and nationalities can be united as believers in the church was a new revelation to Paul.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Ephesians 4:1-6

How to live (v.1)	
A Christ-like attitude (v.2)	
Keep the unity (v.3)	
Basis of Christian unity (v.4-6)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How can we “keep the unity of the Spirit” (v.3):
- Within our Discovery Group?

- Within the local church?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Because of their elevated position with Christ and spiritual unity (Chapters 1-3), Christians should have godly attitudes and behaviors.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

