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 Bible Study Syllabus

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**Church Unity** Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:3

**OBJECTIVES:** To understand the importance of church unity, how to walk in

church unity, and how to recognize and avoid divisiveness.

**INTRODUCTION:** Church unity is the oneness of the church members, both

local and abroad, who support the vision of God by applying Christian love

and Christian support for one another no matter what the situation.

**I. UNITY PRODUCES**

**A. Power** Gen. 11:6, Acts 2:1–4, 16:25–26, Rev. 17:13

**B. Support** Acts 4:32, Acts 2:41–47, Eccles. 4:9–12, 1 Sam. 20

**C. Oneness** Acts 4:32–35, Acts 2:46

**II. MODELS OF UNITY TO FOLLOW FROM THE GODHEAD**

**A. In prayer** Rom. 8:26–27, Mark 6:46, John 5:30, Mark 1:35

**B. In intimacy** Eph. 4:6, 1 Cor. 8:6

**C. In fellowship** John 17:5, 11, John 17:21–23

**III. MODELS OF UNITY TO FOLLOW FROM THE CHURCH**

**A. In prayer** Acts 4:31, 12:5, Acts 16:13, Matt. 18:19–20

**B. In intimacy** Acts 16:9–10, 14–15, Rom. 12:4–5, Ruth 1:16–17

**C. In fellowship** Acts 2:42, 46, Acts 5:41–42, Ps. 133:1

**D. In sufferings** Rom. 12:15, 1 Cor. 12:26, Acts 16:25–26, Acts 5:40–42

**E. In mind** Phil. 2:2, Rom. 15:5, Phil. 3:16, Phil. 4:2, Rom. 12:16

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**F. In love** 1 Pet. 1:22, Rom. 13:10, Eph. 3:17–19, 5:2, Heb. 13:1

**G. Avoid divisiveness** Acts 13:13, 15:35–39, Matt. 12:25, Rom. 16:17,

Prov. 6:16–19, 16:28, Gal. 5:20

**H. Avoid cliques** 3 John 9–10, Num. 16, Exod. 23:2

**I. Avoid favoritism** James 2:1–9, 1 Cor. 1:10–12, 1 Kings 12:1–15

**J. Avoid strifes** 1 Tim. 2:23–24, Prov. 14:7, Mark 9:33–37, 1 Cor. 14:33,

Titus 3:9–10, Matt. 7:6, Matt. 10:11–14, Gen. 13:5–12, Gal 5:20

**K. Support the weak** Acts 20:35, Gal. 6:1–3, Rom. 15:1–2, 1 Cor. 12:24–26

**CONCLUSION** Church unity is not merely everyone agreeing, for not all

agreements are Godly and holy in nature. We may not always agree, but we

should not become disagreeable. Nevertheless, we should agree on God’s

Word. Church members and other churches can and should unite with a common

vision of love, support, care, and appreciation for all, thereby uniting in

the work of God to win a lost world for Jesus.

**PARTICIPATORY REVIEW**

• Explain what genuine Church unity is.

• Explain what genuine Church unity produces.

• Explain what to avoid in regards to pursuing Church unity.

• How does the Godhead give examples in Church unity?

• Explain how to pursue Church unity and avoid divisiveness.

**KEY TERMS**

Intimacy – favoritism – strife – seditions – cliques – variance – emulations – revellings

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