

EXHORTATION FOR UNITY AND GROWTH

The Gathering Place
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Ephesians 4:3 - 5 (KJV) 3Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5One Lord,
one faith, one baptism,

- 1) ***Be a people who strive to be of the same mind; flowing together in the spirit of unity.***
 - a) September 11, 2001 brought this nation together in a spirit of unity not seen since the bombing of Pearl Harbor.
 - b) Tower of Babel.
 - i) Nothing they can't do because they are of one mind.
 - ii) Languages divided
 - c) Day of Pentecost.
 - i) In one mind and one accord in one place.
 - ii) Though divided languages, they spoke the same language—the language of the Spirit.
 - d) Divisions in the Body of Christ; be committed to destroy every wall of division.
- 2) ***Be a people who love one another.***

Ephesians 5:1 - 2 (KJV) 1Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples that you love one another.

- 3) ***Be a people who are dedicated to the gospel of the “good news” of Jesus.***
 - a) God is a good God; He's not angry with you.
 - b) I have come that you might have life and that more abundantly.
 - c) Always be a people committed to setting at liberty those who are bound.
 - d) Live a life of grace.
 - i) Receiving the grace of God.
 - ii) Giving the grace of God.
 - iii) Ever be loving, accepting, forgiving.
 - iv) Put away suspicions, criticisms, judgments.
 - v) Give people the benefit of the doubt.
 - (1) Be slow to anger.
 - (2) Quick to forgive.
 - e) Restore the fallen.
- 4) ***Be a people committed to spiritual growth.***
 - a) Don't be satisfied with your present walk or experience; seek for more.
 - b) Stay hungry for God and His presence.

- c) Become a people more committed to prayer than ever before.
- 5) ***Be a people who seek to become a worshiper; develop a lifestyle of worship.***
- 6) ***Be a people committed to the spirit-filled, spirit-led life.***
 - a) Be a people committed to the Word of God.
 - b) Be a people committed to a life of faith.
 - c) Be a people committed to the supernatural.
- 7) ***Be a people committed to the Body of Christ.***
 - a) Be committed to the edifying of the Body of Christ.
 - b) Support your church.
 - c) Be faithful to your calling.
 - d) Support your leaders.
 - e) Make a special commitment to prayer.