

# Sermon Notes

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## The Power and Priority of Unity

John 17:21; Philippians 2:1-2; Romans 15:5-6, Ephesians 1:8b-10 & 5:31-32  
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### 1. Our unity leads to effective evangelism.

John 17:21:

<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

### 2. Our unity is the Lord's priority.

Philippians 2:1-2:

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

<sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

### 3. Our unity brings glory to God.

Romans 15:5-6:

<sup>5</sup> Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **4. Our unity is the mystery of God's will.**

Ephesians 1:8b-10:

<sup>8</sup> . . . In all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him

<sup>10</sup> with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

#### **5. The unity of Christ and the church.**

Ephesians 5:31-32:

<sup>31</sup> For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

<sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.