



United For a Purpose

Unity is the glue that will empower the church to accomplish its goal.

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Goal

Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ

Romans 1:16

16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

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Unity brings power

Psalms 133:1-2

1Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

The anointing oil in the Old Testament is symbolic of the Holy Ghost in the New Testament.

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The weapon of Satan

Disunity or dividedness

Matthew 12:25

25And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

God is not the author of confusion

1 Corinthians 14:33

33For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

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The Power to accomplish our task

Unity

Ephesians 4:1-5

1I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 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, 6One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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God's rules of order

Ephesians 4:11-15

11And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

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God's order for the local church

Jesus Christ – Great Shepherd

Hebrews 13:20

20Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Pastor – Ministry

Ephesians 4:12

12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Saints – The flock of God

1 Peter 5:2

2Feed the flock of God which is among you,

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Following God's plan

God's plan in practice

Jeremiah 3:15

15And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

God's Word of warning

Jeremiah 23:1

1Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

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The Pastor

1 Peter 5:2-3

2Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

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The Saints

Hebrews 13:17

17Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

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God's perfect plan

Philippians 2:1-4 (NKJV)

1Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

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When we are united

Acts 2:1

1And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:46-47

46And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.