

THE CRY OF OUR LORD'S HEART... UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

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KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Ephesians 4:1-6](#)
- [John 17:20-26](#)
- [1 Corinthians 6:17](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:12-13](#)
- [Matthew 3:11](#)
- [Matthew 28:16-20](#)
- [Ephesians 1:3-13](#)

KEY POINTS

- Unity of the Spirit is pleaded for by the Apostle Paul as part of a bigger plan.
- Our calling is chosen, adopted as sons and daughters, redeemed by Christ's blood, and forgiven of our sins.
- Unity of the Spirit is maintained or preserved, not created. It is bestowed by the Spirit to all true believers.
- Christ baptizes us in the Spirit... He immerses us into the unity of Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We are a part of one body—one Church.
- Christ prayed for the Apostles and every one of His followers who would believe in Him through their teaching, including us!
- Unity of the Spirit we share in the life of God—we are partakers of the divine nature as it was always meant to be: God in us, us in God.
- The purpose of the unity of the Spirit is so that they would believe and know that God sent Christ.
- Our unity shows this broken world the reality of Jesus Christ and attracts others to want to follow Him as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Paul was imprisoned by Nero, but he saw himself as a prisoner of whom? (See [Eph. 4:1](#)). How does this apply to you?
2. Considering the Spirit's action in [Gen. 1:2](#), [Luke 1:35](#), [Mark 1:11](#), and [Acts 1:5 & 2:4](#), as well as Him driving Jesus into the wilderness to face Satan, discuss how the Holy Spirit's action with you.
3. What are the character qualities, or the manner we are to relate to one another, as we seek to maintain unity? (See [Eph. 4:1-2](#)) How do those qualities manifest in your life?
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit's help and guidance in areas of your life where there is division or chaos rather than unity in Him.