



TODAY'S MESSAGE:



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 Becoming A Kingdom Community
 Pt. 2 – Keeping The Oneness
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I. Review.

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John 17:20-23.
 Ephesians 2:14-16.

Ephesians 4:3, NIV – (3) *Make every effort to keep the unity [oneness] of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

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II. We Must Work At Keeping Oneness.

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A. Make Every Effort.

Ephesians 4:3, NIV – (3) *Make every effort to keep the unity [oneness] of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

“Make every effort” (Strong’s G4704) means “to use speed, to make effort, to be prompt, to be in earnest, to be diligent, to labour”.

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B. Keep.

Ephesians 4:3, NIV – (3) *Make every effort to keep the unity [oneness] of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

“Keep” (Strong’s G5083) means “to watch, to keep an eye on, to guard from loss or injury, to prevent escaping, to hold fast”.

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C. Oneness Of The Spirit.

Ephesians 4:3, NIV – (3) *Make every effort to keep the unity [oneness] of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

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III. The Bond Of Peace.

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A. Peace.

Ephesians 4:3, NIV – (3) *Make every effort to keep the unity [oneness] of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

“Peace” (Strong’s G1515) means “joined together, set at one”.

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B. The Bond.

Ephesians 4:3, NIV – (3) *Make every effort to keep the unity [oneness] of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

“Bond” (Greek G4886) means “a joint tie, a ligament, a uniting principle, a band, or a bond”.

A joining ligament, a bonding glue.

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IV. Keeping Oneness Through The Bond Of Peace.

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A. We Embrace The Spirit-Life.

Galatians 5:16, NKJV – (16) *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

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Galatians 5:19-21, NKJV – (19) *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery [covenant breaking], fornication [sexual sins], uncleanness [physical or moral impurity], lewdness [unrestrained vices], (20) idolatry [not putting God first], sorcery, hatred, contentions [strife], jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions [divisions], heresies, (21) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries [losing control], and the like, of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

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B. We Embrace The Purpose Of The Church.

Luke 10:27, NIV – (27) ... *“Love the Lord your God ...”* and, *“Love your neighbor ...”*

Matthew 28:19-20, NIV – (19) *Therefore go and make disciples ... baptizing them ... (20) and teaching them to obey ...”*

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C. We Embrace The Covenantal Nature Of The Church.

Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

“Devoted” (Strong’s G4342) means “to be earnest towards, to persevere with, to be diligent in, to adhere closely to, to continue with”.

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C. We Embrace The Covenantal Nature Of The Church.

1. A Covenant To The Teaching Of The Church.

Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching ...*

2. A Covenant To The Members Of The Church.

Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to ... the fellowship*

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C. We Embrace The Covenantal Nature Of The Church.

3. A Covenant To The Cross-Life.

Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to ... the breaking of bread ...*

4. A Covenant To The Prayer-Life.

Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to ... prayer.*

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V. Summary.

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Ephesians 4:3, NIV – (3) *Make every effort to keep the unity [oneness] of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

- A. We Embrace The Spirit-Life
- B. We Embrace The Purpose Of The Church.
- C. We Embrace The Covenantal Nature Of The Church.

1. A covenant to the teaching of the church.
2. A covenant to the members of the church.
 3. A covenant to the cross-life.
 4. A covenant to the prayer-life.

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Ephesians 4:3, NIV – (3) *Make every effort to keep the unity [oneness] of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

2 Corinthians 8:5, NIV – (5) *And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.*

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OUR RESPONSE

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Ask God to give us the willingness to:

Embrace the Spirit-life.

Embrace the Purpose of the church – to make us Christlike.

Embrace the Covenantal nature of the church – a make a covenant to our local church.

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HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN ?

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Becoming A Child Of God

- A – Admit** that Jesus is indeed my only way to salvation, and that my life is completely lost without Him.
- B – Believe** that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, and rose from the dead for my freedom.
- C – Confess** Jesus as my personal Lord and Saviour, the new leader of my life.
- D – Decide** to follow Jesus daily, and invite Him to teach me how to live and how to love.

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How Can I Pray To Become A Christian?

Jesus, I realize now that I am lost without You, and that receiving You as my Lord and Saviour is the only way that I can experience freedom.

Thank You for dying on the cross to save me from the penalty of sin, and rising from the dead so that I can be completely free.

I choose to confess and put my trust in You as my Lord and Savior. I give my whole heart and my whole life to You.

I ask for Your help so that I can do my best, to follow You each and every day.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!