



TODAY'S MESSAGE:



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United For A Purpose

Pt 4 – Four Priorities For
Walking In Unity

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I. Review

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A. We Are Already United.

B. We Keep Unity Through The Holy Spirit.

C. We Must Press Into God's Presence.

D. We Must Have Four Biblical Priorities.

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II. Four Priorities For Unity.

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A. Priority Of Agreement.

1 Corinthians 1:10, NIV – (10) *I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

“In essentials, unity – in non-essentials, liberty – in all things, charity”.

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A. Priority Of Agreement.

2 Timothy 2:23, NIV – (23) *Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.*

Titus 3:9, NIV – (9) *But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.*

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B. Priority Of Love.

Colossians 2:2-4, NIV – (2) *My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, (3) in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (4) I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.*

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B. Priority Of Love.

1 John 4:8, NIV – (8) *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

Romans 13:8, NIV – (8) *Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.*

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B. Priority Of Love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, NIV – (1) *If I ... have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. (2) If I ... have not love, I am nothing. (3) If I have not love, I gain nothing.*

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C. Priority Of The Gospel.

Philippians 1:27, NIV – (27) *Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.*

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C. Priority Of The Gospel.

Matthew 24:14, NIV – (14) *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

42 percent of the world's population have never heard the gospel.

7,290 ethnic groups are still unreached.

(<https://nationsoutreach.org/blog/christian-missionary-statistics/>)

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C. Priority Of The Gospel.

Romans 1:1, NIV – (1) *Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God.*

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D. Priority Of Perspective.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17, NIV – (16) So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. (17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 3:18, NIV – (18) *And we ... are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory*

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III. Summary.

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IV. Summary.

- A. Priority Of Agreement.
- B. Priority Of Love.
- C. Priority Of The Gospel.
- D. Priority Of Perspective.

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OUR RESPONSE

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A. Pray.

Father God, please help me to make these four priorities, MY priorities. Today I choose to agree on the Christian essentials, and to allow liberty in the non-essentials. Today I choose to walk in love. Today I choose to make the sharing of the gospel a much greater priority in my life. And today I choose to regard every Christian as a new creation in Christ.

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C. Reflect.

1. Do you ever focus on the non-essentials? How does that affect your relationships with your fellow-believers? What can you do in order to agree on the essentials, and allow liberty in the non-essentials?
2. Do you daily do your best to walk in love? Do you see it as both a command and an obligation that you have toward every other Christian? What can you do in order to increase your ability to daily walk in love?

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C. Reflect.

3. Is sharing the gospel a high priority in your life? Why or why not? What can you do to make it a greater priority? Do you need to be mentored in how to share the gospel? If so, why not start now?
4. Do you see believers as new creations in Christ, or do you see them only as flawed people? What can you do in order to begin to perceive others the way that God perceives them?

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B. Act.

Which one of the four priorities – Agreement, Love, Gospel, or New Creation Perspective – has been the lowest priority in your life? Share that with your prayer partner, and have them pray for you, that God would give you the grace to help you make it a greater priority.

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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!

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