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the Holy Spirit

13. The Spirit Who Unifies

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Sermon Notes

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

To Meet the Mysterious Person of the Holy Spirit is to...

ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPIRIT'S DESIRE FOR UNITY

AND ALLOW THE SPIRIT TO CREATE IN US CHARACTER

THAT PURSUES UNITY

I. Hebrews 11:13-16

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

The Spirit Unifies by...

HELPING US TO EXPERIENCE THE REALITY OF GOD IN OUR

PHYSICAL EXISTENCE

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18

II. Matthew 5:23-24

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

The Spirit Unifies by...

PROMPTING US TO RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH FORGIVING OR CONFESSING TO OTHERS

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you Colossians 3:12-13

III. Ephesians 5:25-32

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

The Spirit Unifies by...

PLACING US IN COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRING SELF SACRIFICE OVER SELF FULFILLMENT

²⁰ When you come together, you are not really eating the Lord’s Supper. ²¹ This is because when you eat, each person eats without waiting for the others. Some people do not get enough to eat, while others have too much to drink. ²² You can eat and drink in your own homes! You seem to

think God's church is not important, and you embarrass those who are poor. *1 Corinthians 11:17-29*