

with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

In order for the church to have unity, we must be unified in doctrine. We must all be on the same page that there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. We must all “walk in a manner worthy of the calling.” There can be no depth of unity and fellowship without agreement and submission to the fundamental doctrines of the New Testament. You cannot have your faith and I have my faith. We must be unified in the “one faith.”

But that’s not to say there is no room for weakness and struggle. Paul tells the Ephesians to be gentle and patient with each other and to bear with one another in love. We are still struggling to figure things out. We are still growing and learning. We must give each other some slack and some leeway. That’s not to say we allow sin or falsehood to go unchecked and unchallenged, but we have to be willing to grow with other even as we are admonishing one another.

Saving the most important for last, I must say I believe the most important trait for unity is humility. Paul says we must “walk...with all humility.” Unity in the church begins with humility in you and me. Humble people are teachable. Humble people listen to others. Humble people do not assume they have everything figured out. If we hope to have unity, we must begin with humility.

I hope we can all move forward together. I hope we can be people who will not dismiss the doctrinal side of unity OR the relational side of unity. I hope we will be a people who are biblically balanced.

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SERMON PREVIEW

10:30 AM - LIVING A SELF-EMPTYING LIFE

Unity only comes through humility in the hearts of God’s people. We’ll look at four examples of true, Christian humility via Philipians 2.

1:00 PM - THE SINNER’S PRAYER

Why do so many believe the Sinner’s Prayer to be the way by which one is saved? We’ll look at the history and major problems with this practice so we can help other people learn about Jesus.

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