

## John #65 – Unity in the Church - 11-30-23

### John 17:20-26

<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,  
<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so  
that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that  
they may be one as we are one—<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete  
unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup> “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you  
have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have  
sent me. <sup>26</sup> I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love  
you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

**John 17:11** - I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.  
Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one  
as we are one.

### Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the  
blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They  
saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them  
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

### Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to  
prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All  
the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to  
give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They  
broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying  
the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**2 Corinthians 13:14** - May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their  
own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the  
resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were  
no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them,  
brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone  
who had need.

**Ephesians 4:1-5**

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

**Ephesians 2:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

**Ephesians 3:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

**Galatians 3:26-28**

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.