



JOHN 17:20-23

The **unity Jesus** invites us into is **his**, not **ours**

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit...

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

EPHESIANS 4:3-6 NIV

This unity is not just for **our sake** but for **the world's**

This unity starts in relationship **"one anothers"**

PUTTING UNITY INTO PRACTICE

- Aim for **wide acceptance** and **narrow agreement**

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

ROMANS 15:7 NIV

- Know the **difference** between **biblical principles** and **personal convictions**
- **Ban** yourself from **speaking unkindly, divisively, or slanderously** of or to **others**
- Look for ways to **work with other Christians outside our church**
- Participate in **another church's services**
- **Make peace with someone** with whom you're at odds
- **Share the Communion meal**