

## CHRIST'S VISION: A UNIFIED FAMILY

The Awesome Power of Vision  
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Jesus: "Again, this is what I'm commanding you to do: You must love each other!"  
John 15:12

"I am not praying for the world, but for those you've given me, because they belong to you. Now I am departing the world and I'm leaving them behind . . . Father, protect them by the power of your name so that they may be united as one just as we are one." John 17:9,11

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will believe in me because of their testimony. And my prayer for all of them is that they too will be one – just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me." John 17:20-21

### 1. MY UNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS IS

"I'm giving you a new commandment: you must love each other! You must love each other in the same way that I have loved you. Your love for one another will be the proof to the world that you really are my disciples." John 13:34-35

### 2. THE TRINITY IS OUR

"Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one with each other as we are one." John 17:11 (NIV)

### 3. WAS THAT WE'D LIVE IN UNITY

"My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father—that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me." John 17:21 (TLB)

### 4. GOD GIVES US SO THAT WE'LL BE UNIFIED

"I have given them the glory you gave me, SO THAT they may be one, just as we are."  
John 17:22 (NLT)

### 5. OUR UNITY IS OUR GREATEST

"May they be brought into complete unity so that the world knows that you sent me and that you have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23 (NIV)

### 6. UNITY

"Then all the believers united together in prayer. After this prayer, the building where they were meeting shook and they were all filled with God's Holy Spirit. And they began to speak God's message with boldness." Acts 4:24,31 (TLB)

### 7. WHEN A CHURCH IS TRULY UNIFIED,

"The entire group of believers were completely united in their hearts and in their spirit. Everyone shared their possessions with each other. In fact, they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32

### 8. ARE VISIBLE SIGNS OF UNITY

"For just as your body is a unity even though it has many different parts, it is the same with Christ's body, the church. We're all different, but we form one body. We've all been baptized into Christ's body by the same Spirit, no matter whether we were Jews or Greeks or slaves or freemen, we now have all received the same Spirit."

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (AMP)

"When we eat the bread that we break together, isn't that sharing in the body of Christ? By sharing in the same loaf of bread, we become one body, even though there are many of us." 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (CEV)

### 9. FOCUSING ON CREATES UNITY

"Dear brothers and sisters, I appeal to you by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ to stop arguing among yourselves! Let there be real harmony so there won't be divisions in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."

1 Corinthians 1:10 (TLB)

### 10. UNITY BEGINS WHEN WE REALIZE

"Yes, we're all different parts in Christ's Body, but there's still only one body! So the eye can't say to the hand, 'I don't need you' and the head can't say to the feet, 'I don't need you.' There must never be any division in the body allowed. Instead, all the members must care for each other equally." 1 Corinthians 12:20-21,25 (NLT)

"When one part of the body suffers, every other part is to suffer with it. And when one part of the Body is honored, every other part is to rejoice with it! Together you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that Body!" 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

### 11. JESUS DIED TO

"By his death on the cross Christ reconciled us and united different races into one body, He brought us all back to God, ending the hostility." Ephesians 2:16 (GNT)

### 12. JESUS EXPECTS ME TO AT UNIFYING CHRISTIANS

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit. Bind yourselves together by living in peace with each other." Ephesians 4:3

"This is what I have asked of God for you: that you will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love." Colossians 2:2 (TLB)

"Most important of all, love each other! Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:14

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