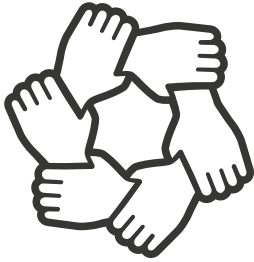


# Biblical Unity

## WHAT IS IT?



Any discussion on unity from a Biblical viewpoint has to deal with the question, “Who is a Christian?” Jesus’ prayer in John 17:1-26 was obviously that the world would come to believe that He was the Redeemer, the Savior of the world. He also prayed for those who believe, “that they all may be one as we are one.” (v. 22) Jesus wanted His followers to be unified! It is to these people (Christians, children of God) that the concept of unity is to be applied. [Acts 2:47, Ephesians 4:4]



Jesus prayed fervently for unity among those who believed on Him!

- John 17:20-23



God’s Word commands this unity!

- Ephesians 4:3
- 1 Corinth. 1:10



Paul’s admonition in Ephesians evidently show God’s passion for unity in the Body when he says, “Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.” Other translations provide stronger wording:

1. ASV - “Give diligence to keep unity”
2. CBS - “Earnestly striving to maintain unity”
3. Wm’s - “Continuing with eager earnestness to maintain unity.”



Thus, if unity is what God, the Father, wants for His redeemed people, then that should be what **every Child of God** should want! God highlighted the importance and strength of unity in Genesis 11:6. How strong is your desire for unity and to be part of a unified body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ?