# Biblical Unity

## What are the Basic Fundamentals of Unity?

The words **"unity"** or **"oneness"** need to be understood in a general sense but also with a realization that they may have more specific basis for trying to define them.  The following sentence ideas are what could be considered some general concepts to unity:

1. An energetic group of people committed to achieving common objectives.
2. People who work well together and enjoy working with each other.
3. People who produce high quality results because they know how to and desire to function well with one another.

Synonyms often can give some insight to define a word.  The following are some of the words used as synonyms for "unity".
- **Agreement**
- **Harmony**
- **Accord**
- **Unison**
- **Union**
- **Oneness**

We should be more interested in defining the idea of unity from a Biblical viewpoint. Halley's Bible Handbook defines Biblical Unity as:

*"Oneness of the church means one body.  It is a complex organism, with many functions, each in its own place.  Working in harmony, with its basic principle as love, with Christ himself, its head and directive force.  Being composed of many members of diverse talents and tempers, the fundamental requisite to its proper functioning is a spirit of humility and mutual forbearance on the part of the members one for another. Its objective is to nurture each of its members into the perfect image of Jesus Christ."*

From this definition, it is easy to see that the church is made up of people who are different but brought into a relationship with one another under the headship and leadership of Jesus Christ to work together to carry out God's Will in their lives and to help nurture one another.

**Let's Search the Scripture Together**

*In the Bible, we will look at 5 passages of scripture on the word "unity" and 6 passages that use the expression, "be of the same mind."*

## "UNITY"

**Psalm 133:1**

**John 17:23**

**Ephesians 4:3&13**

**Colossians 3:14**

## "BE OF THE SAME MIND"

**Romans 12:16, 15:6**

**1 Corinthians 1:10**

**2 Corinthians 13:11**

**Philippians 1:27 & 2:2**