

Why Walk With Jesus? - The Reality of Unity and Peace
"Walking With Our Lord"
1 Corinthians 11:17-22; Ephesians 4:1-7

What happens when your home, your family, your office, or your church suffers from disunity, where it seems that everyone does what is right in their own eyes? Where's the love... Where is peace?

In 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 we have a picture of church that exhibits anything but unity and peace. Fact: No _____ - No _____.

Imagine a place, an oasis of _____, _____, and _____; it might even be a _____. Do you think that people might be interested, find it inviting, and maybe wonder what's going on, what it is we have? Now imagine your being able to say, "This is what _____ can do". (John 17:21)

I. Where Does This _____ and _____ Come From? (Psalm 133:1; Philippians 1:27 & 2:2)

Unity and peace don't just happen. They actually require some _____ on our part. True unity is dependant upon the _____ of _____ with Christ that we've already examined in Ephesians 4:2.

And what about peace? We want peace, but we're not always willing to strive for unity. It doesn't work that way. We need to remember that "peace" is a _____; it's of God, not our own devises.

The _____ is what holds our unity together, and that in turn points people to the true peacemaker - Jesus.

II. What Does Unity and Peace _____? (vv. 4:4-6)

1. _____ (Galatians 3:28)
2. _____ (1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 2:22) Individually and collectively, we as believers are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

3. _____ (Ephesians 1:13-14)

* Note: Verse 4 focuses on the ministry of _____ and what we share through the _____.

4. _____ (Acts 4:12; Romans 10:12) There is one and only one true Savior and Lord.

5. _____ (Jude 3; 2 Timothy 3:16) This refers to the body of _____ or the content of what the revealed Word of God - the Bible - tells us to believe, and the principle focus of the Word is _____.

6. _____ - Following _____, Scripture clearly teaches baptism as a public display or expression of our faith. It was an essential part of the early church's testimony, and remains so today.

* Note: Verse 5 focuses on what we share through _____.

7. _____ (Deuteronomy 4:39; Isaiah 45:5)

* Note: It is most interesting that in his picture of unity Paul focuses on the _____.

Conclusion (v. 4:7)

True unity and peace cannot become a reality apart from a proper _____; and the ultimate foundation of our "walk", our unity and peace, is _____, which is _____ (John 14:6).

One and only one thing truly matters from the moment you become a Christian until the moment you stand in His presence - That you "*walk worthy of the calling with which you were called*" (Ephesians 4:1).