

My notes...

The Christ-Filled Church



The Character of the Church

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Ephesians 4:1-6

**Grace Church is to be
FILLED with the AUTHORITY, the IDENTITY,
the _____, and the _____ of Christ!**

**What are the character qualities the church is to live by
in order to maintain unity?**

We are to live together in _____ (vs 2)

We are to live together in _____ (vs 2)

We are to live together in _____ (vs 2)

We are to live together _____ with one another in
_____ (vs 2)

**A Christ-filled church is one where believers exhibit the
_____ of _____ in Christ!**

What are the 7 foundational unities that the church is built on?

The body of Christ is unified in one _____ (vs 4)

The body of Christ is unified through one _____ (vs 4)

The body of Christ is unified by one _____ (vs 4)

The body of Christ is unified under one _____ (vs 5)

The body of Christ is unified by one _____ (vs 5)

The body of Christ is unified by one _____ (vs 5)

The body of Christ is unified by one _____ (vs 6)

**Are we, as the body of believers at Grace Church,
characterized by unity in Jesus Christ?**

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1. READ: Ephesians 5:22-33 In what ways does a godly marriage reflect the oneness and unity the church is to share with Jesus Christ? How is a wife's role of submission to her husband similar to the church's role of submission to Christ? How is the husband's role of love for his wife similar to Christ's love for the church?
2. From your own experience, what are some things that cause division and make unity difficult to maintain in relationship with other individuals? What are some things that cause division and make unity difficult to maintain in within a community of people (eg work, sports teams, country, etc)?
3. READ: Ephesians 3:14-19 In these verses, what is Paul praying that the Ephesians would have the strength to comprehend about Jesus Christ? What is it that Paul wants the Ephesian believers to be filled with?
4. READ: Ephesians 3:20-21 In these verses, who is it that possesses God's unthinkable power within them? Through whom specifically does God receive glory? When?
5. READ: Colossians 3:12-15 In addition to humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with one another, what characteristics does Paul include in order to "bind everything together in perfect harmony"? According to verse 15, what does Paul say specifically the Colossian believers were "called" to?
6. READ: Ephesians 4:1-3 Take some time and discuss why each of the 4 characteristics of humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with others in love, are so important to maintain unity in the church?
7. READ: Ephesians 4:4-6 Take some time and discuss why each of the 7 foundational unities of body, spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, and God are essential to the unity of the church. Can you think of examples of how these foundational unities cause division in some churches?
Why?
8. What evidence do you see that Grace Church is filled with the character of unity in Jesus Christ?