

Doctrine of Unity, 1-2c

It is only in this way that we are able to consistently defend our souls during the long, grueling journey to our spiritual Santa Fé. Principles found in Scripture on this subject:

Hebrews 10:24 - Let us consider how to stimulate one another to unconditional love and divine good production,

Hebrews 10:25 - not forsaking our own assembling together, as the habit of some is, but encouraging one another

Galatians 3:28 - There is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

The coming together for the purpose of security and defense not only emphasizes the unity of the believer in Christ under the mentorship of the Holy Spirit but also the unity of the royal family. This unity is the emphasis of Ephesians 4:1-6 which we will now note and analyze under the Doctrine of Unity.

The Doctrine of Unity

Ephesians 4:1 - I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, exhort you to walk [develop a behavior pattern] in a manner worthy of your station in life [Royal Family, New Spiritual Species] for which you have been called [salvation];

Ephesians 4:2 - with all humility [doctrinal orientation to one's deprived status with emphasis on enforced humility] and true sensitivity [grace orientation to one's saved status with emphasis on genuine humility], with patience, tolerate one another by means of virtue love;

Ephesians 4:3 - be diligent to guard the unity of the Spirit by which we are bound together [Positional Truth] by means of peace [reconciliation].

Ephesians 4:4 - There is one body [the universal church, Royal Family] and one Spirit [Power Source of the believer], just as also you have been called [salvation] to one hope with reference to your station in life [experiential sanctification].

Ephesians 4:5 - One Lord [same Savior], one faith [same way of salvation], one immersion [same baptism of the Holy Spirit],

Ephesians 4:6 - one God, even the Father of all [Royal Family], Who is over all [sovereignty], and the Source of all [Logistical Grace Support and Escrow Blessings], and in all [indwells the believer].

Emphasis on people rather than emphasis on Bible doctrine results in the destruction of church unity. The unity which we seek to emphasize in our study may be defined under five points:

- a. Unity is the status of being joined with other believers through the baptism of the Holy Spirit into the Royal Family of God.
- b. Unity also includes the status of acquiring harmony with other members of the royal family. This includes such concepts as cooperation: to associate with others for mutual benefit; teamwork: individuals subordinating personal recognition to the benefit of the whole; synergy: interaction of diverse agents are such that the end result is greater than the sum of individual efforts; and congruence: harmonious agreement among associates.
- c. Unity refers to the idea of completeness. All operate off the same page, doctrinally speaking. This has maximum effectiveness in the execution of the plan of God. It is manifest through maximum tolerance among believers and maximum invisible impact on the preservation of the Client Nation.