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**Christian unity is more than different people coming together...it's all Christians literally becoming ONE** - Eph 4:2-6 - 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to **keep the UNITY of the Spirit** through the bond of peace. 4 There is **one body** and **one Spirit**— just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called— 5 **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**; 6 **one God and Father** of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**Be the same with one another** - Rom 12:16 Be of the SAME MIND toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. NASU

**All Christians walking the SAME path** - 2 Cor 13:11 Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, **BE OF ONE MIND**, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

**No separation, perfectly united in situations and outlook** - 1 Cor 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be **NO DIVISIONS** among you and that you may be **PERFECTLY UNITED** in mind and thought.

**All Christians must have the same mind working as one and that one mind must be the Mind of Christ**-Rom 15:5-6 - 5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus; 6 that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. NASB

**The measure we use to see if we are all in agreement IS GOD** - Phil 4:2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other **IN THE LORD**.

### The process of truly becoming one

**We need to first recognize what we all are a part of** - 1 Cor 12:12-23 - 12 **THE BODY IS A UNIT**, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact **GOD HAS ARRANGED THE PARTS IN THE BODY, EVERY ONE OF THEM, JUST AS HE WANTED THEM TO BE**. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,

**The way the body of Christ will have unity will depend on each part doing its share** - Phil 2:1-4 - If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. 3 **Do nothing** out of **SELFISH AMBITION** or **VAIN CONCEIT**, but **IN HUMILITY** consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Division is avoided when we are all accountable for everyone** - 1 Cor 12:24-26 - 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be NO DIVISION in the body, but that its parts should have EQUAL CONCERN for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

**Though we are all in the same path we are all not doing the same thing but what we do complement the others** - 1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony\* with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

\* **homophron** (hom-of'-rone); like-minded, i.e. harmonious: (of one mind.)

**Allow differences to ONLY exist with meaningless things** - Rom 14:1-3 - Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on DISPUTABLE MATTERS. 2 One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him.

**What ultimately defines us cannot differ from person to person or individual characteristics; it must be Christ alone** - Gal 3:26-29 - 26 **YOU ARE ALL SONS OF GOD THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS**, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.