

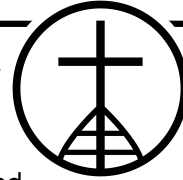
PULPIT CURRICULUM

The Imperative of Unity

Ephesians 4:1-6

June 30, 2024 – Kurt Gebhards

Prayer & Praise: Praise the Lord for allowing our students and ministry leaders to be impacted by the truth at this past week's Clarity Camp. Pray that the seeds of the gospel bears fruit in all their lives



Intro: How have phones, computers, and television decreased social engagement and increased isolation and selfishness? How has this affected the Church?

Captivate the Gospel (v. 1a)

Kurt mentioned "potluck unity" is common these days. What is meant by that phrase? Why is it easy to reduce true biblical unity down to a potluck unity in the local church?

What is the difference between "indicatives" and "imperatives" found in Scripture? How do they help us keep a proper perspective when working out our salvation?

A Worthy Life (v. 1b)

What is the "calling" of every believer according to other passages in Ephesians mentioned in the sermon?

What areas of your life do you need to be more disciplined in order to be a better prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ?

The Pain of Unity (v. 2)

What four characteristics of the Christian life are highlighted in verse 2? Define them. Which is the most challenging for you to live out?

List some things that it will cost you in order to live like verse 2 requires. Which of these are you least inclined to give up? How can you work to lay them down to serve others?

Make Every Effort (vv. 3-6)

Why is it important to remember that Christians don't work for unity, but work to preserve the unity of the church? How many times is the word, "one" mentioned in verses 4-6? What point was Paul trying to make?

Take some time to read through vv.9-13. Which of these truths are a more normal feature of your prayer life, and which ones are you more apt to forget to pray about?

Mutual Ministry: How are you going to work out a plan in the month of July to be more disciplined in a specific area of your faith, in order to live in a manner worthy of your calling in Christ?

Believers all belong to the same Lord, and are thus one with each other. Therefore anything that denies our oneness with each other denies our oneness with Him.. – John MacArthur