

Make Us One

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I. Introduction

II. Make Us One

- A. Ephesians 4:3-6 - *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*
- B. Acts 19:27-28 - *There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited, and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty." ²⁸When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"*
- C. Ephesians 4:14-15 - *Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*
- D. John 17:9-11 - *I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.*
- E. John 17:20-23 - *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

III. A Church of One

A. One Mission.

- a. John 17:11, 20-23 - *I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. ²⁰"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*
 - b. Mark 16:15 - *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.*
 - c. Mark 16:19 - *After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.*
 - d. Ephesians 4:3-6 - *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*
- B. One Enemy – The church, as a whole, MUST recognize that we have a spiritual enemy that hates the church and what and who we represent.
- a. Ephesians 6:12 - *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

- b. John 10:10 - *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

C. One Love.

- a. John 13:34 - *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*
- b. John 13:25 – *"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

D. One Choice – Forgive

- a. Colossians 3:12-14 - *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*
- b. Matthew 18:21-22 - *Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²²Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."*

IV. **Conclusion**

- A. One Mission, One enemy, One love, One choice – Forgive.