

“The Glue of Unity”

Colossians 3:12-17

Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred Christians together, each one looking away from him or herself and _____ on Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship with each other.

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I. This Kind of a Person Could Stick on You.

- Our _____ in Christ Jesus is that we are holy and beloved.
- Our growth in Christ comes when we allow our _____ to match our position.

A. Put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1. The wording used by Paul suggests the wearing of clothes—“put on.”
2. He was not meaning that we should just have a covering, but that these clothes would actually be an outward appearance of an inward _____.

B. The next attractive quality in a Christian is that we are willing to become a brace to help hold each other up.

1. It gives us the picture of a wall that is not secure yet and there is a piece of wood propping up the unsecured wall.

C. Forgiving each other.

1. We forgive not because we have to, but because the Lord forgave us.

II. The Super Glue Called Love.

And beyond all these things {put on} love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

1 Corinthians 13

If we allow this type of love to flow through us, we will have the immediate cohesiveness of spiritual, Christ-centered, Godly unity that we read about in the Word of God.

There are two ways of being united -- one is by being frozen together, and the other is by being melted together. What Christians need is to be united in brotherly love, and then they may expect to have power.

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