

#2 – One Another  
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Unity with One Another  
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**What does Jesus expect of His church?**

1/3 Love

1/3 Unity

1/8 Humility

Bearing one another's burdens

The Don'ts of One another

**What does the Bible say about Unity with One Another?**

John 17

... <sup>21</sup> **all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us ... <sup>22</sup> ... that they may **be one** even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may **become perfectly one**

In Ephesians 4:3

<sup>3</sup> eager to **maintain the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.

Colossians 3:14

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in **perfect harmony**.

Romans 14:1-5

<sup>1</sup> As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike.

**Is Able** = dunamis

**Jesus wants His church to be Unified**

**What does Unity with One Another mean?**

Christian unity means accepting and embracing other Christians who think, believe and act differently because your focus is on a salvation given to you that you didn't deserve.

## JI Packer

Unity with One Another means we all acknowledge that

- We share the **love** from the **same Jesus**
- We share the **power** from the **same Holy Spirit**
- We share the **worship** of the **same Heavenly Father**

Being together in that, brings us together as brothers and sisters in a single family, so that all Christians, straight away, must see themselves as brothers, sisters and friends to every other Christian in the world.

## Your opinion of salvation given to you for free is your most important opinion

### What do you do about different opinions?

Romans 14:5b-6

Each one should **be fully convinced** in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it **in honor of the Lord**. The one who eats, eats **in honor of the Lord**, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains **in honor of the Lord** and gives thanks to God.

Be fully convinced

Romans 14:7

<sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

Bob Goff

Of course, I have opinions. I just choose to love you more than my opinions.

### How important is Unity with One Another?

John 17:21, 23, 25

<sup>21</sup>that they may **all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, **so that the world may believe** that you have sent me ... <sup>23</sup>**so that the world may know** that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Jesus knows something we don't

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3<sup>rd</sup> Unity is 1 of the ways the world will know about Jesus

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### **Reflection Questions on Today's Sermon**

1. What was the most insightful part today's sermon for you? Talk about it with someone.
2. What stands out to you as the most challenging aspect of Jesus' command to have unity with one another?
3. What can you do individually or what can FBC do as a church to have better unity with one another?

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### **Growth Group Questions**

We are currently in between sessions. The fall session runs **9/13/20 – 11/21/20**.