

Unity – Part 2 – John 17, Ephesians 4, 2John

- I. Introduction – Unity in the Church in Sonoma County in 2021
- II. 5 Biblical Principles for Unity:
- a. The unity the Bible speaks of is between _____ - John 17:8-11; Ephesians 4:1; 1:2, 3; 2John 1
- b. The unity the Bible speaks of is founded on the _____ - John 17:6, 8, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20; Ephesians 4:3-6; 2John 1-3
- 3 Encouraging Elements of Truth:
- c. The unity the Bible speaks of flows out of God's _____ - John 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:4-6; 2John 3
- Grace → Mercy → Peace
- d. Biblical unity isn't something to _____ for or produced, but something to be _____ . John 17:11; Ephesians 2:13, 14; 4:3, 14-15; 2John 7-11
- 3 Instructions to preserve the unity of the faith:
- 1) Realize and accept that there are many _____ in the world (v. 7).
 - 2) _____ yourself (v. 8).
 - 3) Don't _____ in propagating or furthering error or falsehood (v. 10, 11).
- e. Unity in the Bible will be evidenced by _____ - John 17:26; John 13:34-35; Ephesians 4:2; 2John 4-6
- 2 Keys to Biblical Love:
- III. **2John 1**The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, **2**because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever: **3**Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.
- 4**I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. **5**And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. **6**And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. **7**For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. **8**Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we^a have worked for, but may win a full reward. **9**Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. **10**If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, **11**for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.
- 12**Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.
- 13**The children of your elect sister greet you.