

John 17:22-23 ²²The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

Romans 15:5-6 ⁵Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, ⁶so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:1-5 (11 times in 13 verses) **1** Paul, called *as* an apostle of **Jesus Christ** by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, ²To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in **Christ Jesus**, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of **our Lord Jesus Christ**, their *Lord* and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and **the Lord Jesus Christ**. ⁴I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in **Christ Jesus**

Christians are Jesus-people! We are one in Him, and He is the strength of our unity.
Disunity begins when we forget that God calls us by one Name, not many. We belong to Christ Jesus!
The church that glorifies God with one voice, and in one accord, jealously guards their unity in Jesus.
This means all members fight together against attitudes and actions that threaten our love for each other.

Individualism

Revelation 3:17

¹⁷Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked

1 Corinthians 12:18-21

¹⁸But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰But now there are many members, but one body. ²¹And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Denominationalism/ Doctrinal in-fighting

1 Corinthians 3:3-4

³for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? ⁴For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men?

1 Timothy 6:3-5

³If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, ⁴he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, ⁵and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

Gossip and Slander

Galatians 5:14-16

¹⁴For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Ephesians 4:29

²⁹Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the need of *the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

1 John 1:7 ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.