

Unity of the Spirit

by Smith Wigglesworth

Maintaining unity in the church is crucial for the bond of peace and protecting the church from division and schism.

Scripture: Psalm 133:1, John 17:21, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:3, Philippians 2:2, Colossians 3:14, 1 Peter 3:8

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Description

Smith Wigglesworth emphasizes the vital importance of maintaining the unity of the Spirit within the church, urging believers to guard against division and discord that can harm the body of Christ. He warns that any prophecy or teaching that brings trouble should be judged by the Word and denounced if it disrupts the assembly. The preacher highlights that true prophecy is characterized by hope, compassion, and edification, and calls for prayer to eliminate anything that threatens unity. He reminds the congregation that there is one body in Christ, and that schism contradicts the essence of the church. Ultimately, Wigglesworth encourages believers to be faithful to the church, fostering a spirit of intercession to unlock God's blessings.

Transcript

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

--Ephesians 4:3

Scripture reading: Psalm 133

You are bound forever out of loyalty to God to see that no division comes into the church body, to see that nothing comes into the assembly, as it came into David's flock, to tear and rend the body. You have to be careful. If a person comes along with a prophecy and you find that it is tearing down and bringing trouble, denounce it accordingly; judge it by the Word. You will find that all true prophecy will be perfectly full of hopefulness. It will have compassion; it will have comfort; it will have edification. So if anything comes into the church that you know is hurting the flock and disturbing the assembly, you must see to it that you begin to pray so that this thing is put to death.

Bring unity in the bonds of perfection so that the church of God will receive edification. Then the church will begin to be built up in the faith and the establishing of truth, and believers will be one. There is one

body. Recognize that fact. When schism comes into the body, believers always act as though there were more than one body.

Do not forget that God means for us to be very faithful to the church so that we do not allow anything to come into the church to break up the body. You cannot find anything in the body in its relation to Christ that has schism in it. Christ's life in the body--there is not schism in that. When Christ's life comes into the church, there will be no discord; there will be perfect blending of heart and hand, and it will be lovely. Endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Thought for today: When we think that the church is poor and needy, we forget that the spirit of intercession can unlock every safe in the world.

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