# THE BLESSING OF UNITY



I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **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. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, **that they may be one even as we are one**.

## **JOHN 17:20-22**

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Believers bound to God and one another by the gospel and person & work of Jesus Christ.



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# And [Moses] poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him.

## LEVITICUS 8:12

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A church that loves the Lord and cares about the gospel will be a unified church.

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# Unity is essential for sanctification.

# And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

## **EPHESIANS** 4:11-16

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