



BUILDING A CHURCH WITH A UNIFIED MISSION

Introduction: Unity is not natural in our

fallen world. Division and fragmentation are signs of sickness. The enemy is at work. Sin causes divisions and separations. Cohesion and unity are God's ways and are evidence of His presence. Unity is not an option. It is an essential. It may be the difference between hitting the mark and missing the mark. Unity is the cry of the Holy Spirit to the church.



I. THE A2 CHURCH BELIEVES IN UNITY

Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.

Acts 4:24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them."

Acts 4:32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

Acts 5:12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

A. THE A2 CHURCH COMMITMENT

The A2 church is committed to living and working together with one heart, one soul, and one vision.

B. THE A2 CHURCH BELIEFS

1. The anointing on any one of us is not as powerful as the anointing on all of us.

2. Unity overcomes the insurmountable and reaches the unachievable.
3. Unity brings to us the power to make the impossible possible and to change dreams into reality.

II. THE CHURCH CALLED TO UNITY

UNITY DEFINED

1. **AGREE** means to harmonize as in one accord; to cooperate together; to bind together as in agreement.
2. To **GATHER TOGETHER** is to draw together; to bring together; to join together.
3. **ONE ACCORD** meaning to be unanimous, to be in one mind, together in vision. It is to be with one mind or purpose, to set aside personal ambitions, feelings and work toward the purpose of the whole group, and to rise to a certain challenge with one mind and one purpose.
4. **UNITY** means to be in agreement with singleness of heart and mind. Unity is the quality of being one in purpose, the quality of being whole, especially a union of all.

CALLED TO BE ONE

1. **ONE HEART** Acts 4:32
2. **ONE MIND** 1 Peter 3:8
3. **ONE JUDGMENT** 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 4:24; Acts 2:46; Acts 5:12
4. **ONE SPIRIT** Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 6:17
5. **ONE FOCUS** Philippians 3:12-13

THE UNITY DESTROYERS – UNRESOLVED OFFENSES

An offense is a bait stick and refers to catching something in a snare. **Matthew 24:10; Romans 14:21; Romans 14:13**

1. **STRAINED RELATIONSHIPS** Proverbs 18:19
2. **RESISTING AUTHORITY** Proverbs 19:20; Hebrews 13:17

Offenses cause distrust, hindering response to authority.

3. **DRIFTING FROM, AND ULTIMATELY LEAVING, THE LOCAL CHURCH** – place of planting. **Proverbs 17:17; 1 John 2:19**
4. **STRONGHOLDS OF VAIN IMAGINATIONS** **2 Corinthians 10:3-4**
5. **CONSTANT SATANIC HARASSMENT** **Ephesians 4:26-27**
6. **RIVER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** within you dries up. **John 7:37-39**
7. **BITTERNESS** spreads within your life. **Hebrews 12:15**
8. **CRITICAL, FAULT-FINDING**, divisive attitude

III. SEVEN DYNAMIC RESULTS OF SPIRITUAL UNITY

1. **A Unified Church Fulfills God-Given Vision**
Nehemiah 4:16-19; Genesis 11:5-7
2. **A Unified Church Will Be Filled With God's Glory**
Chronicles 5:13-14; Numbers 14:21; Habakkuk 2:14 Haggai 2:7-9; Ephesians 3:21; Isaiah 60:1-3
3. **A Unified Church Will Have Success In Spiritual Battles**
Judges 20:11; 1 Samuel 14:6-7; 2 Chronicles 20:15-17; 2 Chronicles 20:20-22
4. **A Unified Church Will Have A Continual Supply Of The Anointing.**
Psalms 133:1-3; Zechariah 4:1-3
5. **A Unified Church Will Receive the Blessing of God**
Psalms 133:1-3; Proverbs 10:22; Isaiah 65:8; Malachi 3:10; Ephesians 1:3
 - Favor: (Hebrew) delight; a pleasure, a delight, a favor, goodwill, acceptance, a will; goodwill, a favor; acceptance; a will, a desire, a pleasure, self-will.
 - The blessing of God includes:
 - Giving life, Riches, Fruitfulness, Plenty, Forgiveness

6. **A Unified Church is Led by a Unified Leadership Team**

Isaiah 52:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10

7. **A Unified Church Will Have Unified Prayer With Powerful Results**

Matthew 18:19 Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Acts 4:24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them..."

Acts 4:29-31 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

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