

# WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

*Joy in Jesus Christ*

Unity in the Christian Church: The Essence of Unity  
Philippians 2:2

**Truth:** Unity in the church results from Christians exercising a singleness of mind, heart, and spirit in Jesus Christ.

## 1. Being like-minded.

- Strive to hold the same biblical beliefs,
- Have the same doctrinal convictions.
- Express the same passion for ministry.

- Acts 2:42-47      ◦ 1 Corinthians 12-14
- Romans 12:3-8      ◦ Ephesians 4:1-16
- Romans 12:9-21

## 2. Having the same love.

- The practical demonstration of compassion and benevolence.

- John 13:34-35      ◦ John 21:15-19
- Matthew 28:19-20      ◦ Galatians 5:13
- 1 Peter 3:8-9

## 3. Being of one accord.

- Literally: one souled; knit together in spirit; souls that beat together in tune with Jesus Christ and each other.

- 1 Samuel 18:1

## 4. Being of one mind.

- A deeper, stronger, more dynamic characteristic than like-minded.
- Moral attitude and loving action.

- Romans 12:2,16      ◦ 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Philippians 3:16; 4:2