

**Answer Key:**

**Why Church Unity Matters?**

- Jesus
- won
- walk

**Jesus Prayer...**

- Himself
- disciples
- you/me/believers

**Why Church Unity is Important!**

1. other
2. Trinity
3. last
4. Glory
5. witness
6. fear / creates
7. needs
8. Baptism / Communion
9. Focusing
10. incomplete
11. divide
12. work hard

**FOCUS**

**Part 5**

“UNITY”

**Psalm 133:1 NIV**

***"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"***

**Introductory Statement**

***The Bible talks more about unity of the church than it does about heaven or hell. It is that important. The unity of the church refers to the union of the people of God, in all their various distinctives and expressions, bound to God and to one another by the gospel. The unity of the church is to reflect the unity of the one God upon which the church is built.***

**Why Church Unity Matters?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ prayed for it.

**John 17:21 NLT "I pray that they will all be one"**

- The world will be \_\_\_\_\_ when the church is one.
- When you find a church filled with people who really love each other, more and more people will want to \_\_\_\_\_ through its doors.

## Jesus Prayer...

- Jesus prays for \_\_\_\_\_.

John 17:1 CEV

*"...He looked up toward heaven and prayed:"*

- Jesus prays for His \_\_\_\_\_.

John 17:9 GNT

*"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you.*

- Jesus prays for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and future \_\_\_\_\_.

John 17:20-21 GWT

*"I'm not praying only for them. I'm also praying for those who will believe in me through their message. I pray that all of these people continue to have unity in the way that you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they may be united with us so that the world will believe that you have sent me."*

A major theme of this broader prayer is for loving unity

## Why Church Unity is Important!

Ephesians 4:1-3 NLT

*"Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."*

1. My unity with \_\_\_\_\_ believers is proof I am saved.

John 13:34-35 NLT

*"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is our model for unity.

John 17:11 NIV

*"Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one with each other as we are one."*

3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ prayer was that we would live in unit.

**John 17:21 Living Bible**

***"My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father — that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me."***

4. God gives us His \_\_\_\_\_ so that we will be unified.

**John 17:22 NLT**

***"I have given them the glory you gave me, SO THAT they may be one, just as we are."***

5. Our unity is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ to unbelievers.

**John 17:23 NIV**

***"...may they be brought into complete unity so that the world knows that you sent me and that you have loved them even as you have loved me."***

6. Unity removes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ boldness.

**Acts 4:24,31 Living Bible**

***"Then all the believers united together in prayer. After this prayer, the building where they were meeting shook and they were all filled with God's Holy Spirit. And they began to speak God's message with boldness."***

7. When a church is truly unified, everybody's \_\_\_\_\_ are met.

**Acts 4:32**

***"All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had."***

8. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are visible signs of unity.

**1 Corinthians 12: 12-13 AMP**

***"For just as your body is a unity even though it has many different parts, it is the same with Christ's body, the church. We're all different, but we form one body. We've all been baptized into Christ's body by the same Spirit, no matter whether we were Jews or Greeks or slaves or freemen, we now have all received the same Spirit."***

9. \_\_\_\_\_ on our common purpose creates unity.

**1 Corinthians 1:10 Living Bible**

***"Christ to stop arguing among yourselves! Let there be real harmony so there won't be divisions in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."***

10. Unity begins when we realize we are \_\_\_\_\_ without each other.

**1 Corinthians 12:20-21, 25 NLT**

***Yes, we're all different parts in Christ's Body, but there's still only one body! So, the eye can't say to the hand, 'I don't need you' and the head can't say to the feet, 'I don't need you.' There must never be any division in the body allowed. Instead, all the members must care for each other equally."***

**1 Corinthians 12:26-27 NLT**

***"When one part of the body suffers, every other part is to suffer with it. And when one part of the Body is honored, every other part is to rejoice with it! Together you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that Body!"***

11. Jesus died to unite us, not \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**Ephesians 2:16 TEV**

***"By his death on the cross Christ reconciled us and united different races into one body, He brought us all back to God, ending the hostility."***

12. Jesus expects me to \_\_\_\_\_  
at unifying.

**Ephesians 4:3 NIV**

***"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit. Bind yourselves together by living in peace with each other."***

**Colossians 2:2 Living Bible**

***"This is what I have asked of God for you: that you will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love."***

**Colossians 3:14 NCV**

***Even more than all this, clothe yourself in love. Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity.***

***I am heartbroken that today's Christians are known more for other things than our love for each other. We are not known for what I am talking about today, what God says in His Word.***