

SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Unity of the Spirit

Jesus prayed for His people to be one. As every believer yields to the Holy Spirit, walks in love, and brings their God-given supply, the body grows together and makes room for His life, power, and glory.

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Unity of the Spirit	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, December 14, 2025	John 17:20-23 ; Ephesians 4:1-16

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Receive unity as Jesus' prayer for His people.

- Jesus prayed that those who believe through the apostles' word would be one as the Father and Son are one. ([John 17:20-23](#))
- Christian unity is more than cooperation or shared preference; it grows from fellowship with God and participation in His life. ([John 17:21](#))
- That oneness gives the world visible evidence that the Father sent Jesus and loves His people. ([John 17:23](#))

"That they all may be one as You, Father, are in Me."

STUDY [John 17:20-23](#)

02 Yield to the Holy Spirit instead of settling for powerless religion.

- The Spirit brings liberty, living power, and inward transformation; a form of godliness that rejects His work leaves only outward routine. ([2 Corinthians 3:17-18](#); [2 Timothy 3:5](#))

- Freedom from the fear of people prepares believers to speak, worship, and minister beyond the safety of the church gathering. ([2 Timothy 1:7](#))
- Continual filling keeps the river of the Spirit moving through surrendered lives for the benefit of others. ([John 7:37-39](#); [Ephesians 5:18](#))

“The church of the Lord Jesus Christ must yield to the Spirit of the living God.”

STUDY [John 7:37-39](#); [2 Corinthians 3:17-18](#); [2 Timothy 1:7](#)

03 Cooperate with what the Holy Spirit is doing.

- Unity is active participation: believers discern the Spirit’s movement, join it in faith, and refuse the resistance that isolates them from the corporate flow. ([Acts 2:1-4](#))
- The congregation can yield together to joy, prophecy, healing, restoration, or the preaching of the Word without falling into confusion. ([1 Corinthians 14:26-33](#))
- Shared surrender makes room for God’s glory and power to touch hearts and change lives. ([2 Chronicles 5:11-14](#))

“You hook up with what’s moving. Get involved. You partake. You don’t resist.”

STUDY [2 Chronicles 5:11-14](#); [Acts 2:1-4](#); [1 Corinthians 14:26-33](#)

04 Guard unity through love, humility, and service.

- Believers cooperate with the Spirit by choosing the same love, one accord, and one mind instead of selfish ambition or conceit. ([Philippians 2:1-4](#))
- Jesus models the lowliness that looks after another person’s interests and willingly takes the place of a servant. ([Philippians 2:5-8](#))
- Offense must be laid down and damaged relationships pursued with prayer, repentance, and truth spoken in love. ([Ephesians 4:15](#))

“Start looking out for the interests of others.”

STUDY [Ephesians 4:15](#); [Philippians 2:1-8](#)

05 Bring your supply so the whole body can grow.

- Christ gives ministry gifts to equip the saints, mature the church, and protect believers from instability and deception. ([Ephesians 4:11-14](#))
- Every joint has a supply; when each part is healthy and does its share, the body works effectively and builds itself up in love. ([Ephesians 4:15-16](#))
- Spiritual hunger, study, prayer, and obedience prepare each believer to contribute what God has placed within them. ([Ephesians 4:16](#))

"We need one another. But we need one another yielded to the spirit of God."

STUDY [Ephesians 4:11-16](#)

06 Honor different gifts that come from the same Spirit.

- The Spirit distributes different gifts, ministries, and activities while remaining the one source working through them all. ([1 Corinthians 12:4-6](#))
- A spiritual manifestation is entrusted to an individual for the profit of everyone, not for self-importance or isolation. ([1 Corinthians 12:7](#))
- One body needs many members; unity does not erase distinct callings but joins them under Christ for a shared purpose. ([1 Corinthians 12:12-14](#))

"The manifestation of the spirit is given to each one for the profit of all."

STUDY [1 Corinthians 12:4-14](#)

07 Expect God's life and blessing in the place of unity.

- Psalm 133 pictures unity as anointing oil and refreshing dew, the setting where the Lord commands blessing and life. ([Psalm 133:1-3](#))
- The Spirit produces the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control required for lasting oneness. ([Galatians 5:22-23](#))
- A united, mature church can manifest Christ's life and carry His works into its city, nation, and world. ([Ephesians 4:13-16](#))

"It's in that place where there's unity. It's where His life and blessing flow."

STUDY [Psalm 133:1-3](#); [Galatians 5:22-23](#); [Ephesians 4:13-16](#)

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How will you protect the unity of the Spirit?

Where is the Holy Spirit asking you to replace resistance, fear, or routine with fresh surrender?

Is there an offense or strained relationship that you need to address in love and humility?

What gift, service, prayer, or practical supply has God placed in you for the good of His body?

How will you actively join what the Holy Spirit is doing in your church this week?
