HOW TO GET TOGETHER
KEYS TO UNITY IN THE CHURCH

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John 17: A Prayer In Three Sections

(V 1-5) Jesus Prays For Himself
(V 6-19) Jesus Prays For His Disciples
(V 20-26) Jesus Prays For All Believers
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- (John 17:20-26 NIV) "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, (21) that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (22) I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: (23) I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."
(24) "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (25) "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. (26) I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."
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4 Things Unity Does:

1. Unity Testifies Of Christ
   - (John 17:23b NIV) ... May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
2. Unity Creates The Bond Of Peace

- (Eph 4:3 NIV) Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
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3. Unity Helps Us Carry Out God’s Plan

- (2 Chr 30:12 NIV) Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the LORD.
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4. Unity Brings The Anointing

- (Psa 133 NIV) How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! (2) It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. (3) It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.
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4 Things Unity Does:

- It Testifies Of Christ
- It Creates The Bond Of Peace
- It Helps Us Carry Out God’s Plan
- It Brings The Anointing Of The Holy Spirit
4 Things That Disunity Does:

- Disunity Denies Christ And His Prayer
- Disunity Breaks The Bond Of Peace
- Disunity Causes Us To Fail
- Disunity Displaces The Anointing
KEYS TO UNITY IN THE CHURCH

- **Unity Testifies Of Christ** – Disunity Denies Christ
- **Unity Creates The Bond Of Peace** – Disunity Destroys It
- **Unity Helps Us Carry Out God’s Plan** – Disunity Causes Us To Fail
- **Unity Brings The Anointing** – Disunity Displaces The Anointing
We Must Have A Spirit Led Unity

Our Prayer And Ministry Teams Cannot Be Powerful If We Are Not In Unity

A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand

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They Can’t Pray Powerfully
They Can’t Minister Effectively
They Can’t And They Won’t Go Forward
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- People All Around The World Are Counting On Us To Be In Unity

- The People Of Our Area Desperately Need For Us To Be In Unity
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- We Need Unity:
  - For The Sake Of The Message
  - For The Sake Of Those Looking For God
  - For The Sake Of The Baby Christians
  - For The Sake Of The Cross
  - For The Sake Of The Gospel
  - For The Sake Of Each Other
  - For The Sake Of Our Own Hearts
  - To Defeat Pride, Anger And Unforgiveness
  - To Drive Out The Fears Of Men
  - So That The World Will See Jesus Living In Us

- We Need Unity Forever Because That’s What Jesus Wants!!