Units Together

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INTRODUCTION

- Are you aware this morning with a certain brilliance that Jesus died for you as a person?
- It did wonderful things to bring people together that never would have had any association at all.
- Because of that resurrection, we can pray together and know that He hears, and that because He was resurrected, we can be resurrected.

1 God Is Not the Author of Confusion

John 17:20–21; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1–3

- We live in a world, ladies and gentlemen, where religion has been fragmented. God is not the author of confusion.
- Neither pray I for these alone, but for everyone who shall believe on me by their word, that they may be one.
- That you all speak the same things, that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- All of these passages and other similar ones which could be quoted, have to do with organic unity. That is unity inside the body.

2 Available in Christ: The Foundations of Unity

Romans 8

- Because you are connected to Jesus Christ, then certain things of encouragement are available to you.
- If there is any comfort of love, there is great tenderness in the love that he gives to us.
- And we have fellowship with the Spirit when He gives us the truth and we obey the truth.
- We have bowels of mercy, tender feelings of compassion that exists.
- If you're going to have unity inside the Bumby congregation, it will be predicated on those foundations.

3 Be Like-Minded: Unity of Motive

- The thing that fuels unity is love.
- This kind of love seeks what's best for the object of the affection.
- We don't have any big Christians and little Christians. All we have are a group of fellowship of forgiven sinners.
- This kind of love is strong and pervasive. This kind of love is diligent and works.

4 Being of One Accord: Unity of Aim

- Being of one accord. That simply means unity of aim.
- What we have in the Lord's church is not unity of talent. It's not unity of abilities. It's harmony.

- If our love causes us to have the same aim, the same determination, the same observation, the same focus, then we're going to get a lot of things done in this church.
- The circle's out there. We must have unity of aim. And that means that we calculate everything according to the scriptures.
- If you don't have the right aim, you can't have that same aim as somebody else has.

5 One Mind: Unity of Determination

- If you're not united with other people with the same determination, you're causing the church to suffer.
- But this one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forth to the things which are before.
- And that ought to be everybody's determination. I press.
- We endorse the common struggle and we warn of the common foe.
- And then we share our joys and our sorrow.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We better be careful that we maintain the spirit of unity in the Lord's church. And do what we can individually to bring about that unity.**

MY NOTES