# Peace in Church Unity: Living Out Oneness in Christ



Explore how peace thrives through unity in the church, reflecting Christ's love and living out oneness with one heart and purpose.





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#### Introduction

**Peace in the church** is more than just the absence of conflict; it is a beautiful harmony rooted in the love and grace of Jesus Christ. *When believers live in unity, we mirror the heart of God* and demonstrate the transformative power of the gospel to the world around us. This study explores how peace is cultivated and sustained within the body of Christ by embracing oneness, forgiveness, and mutual love.

Throughout Scripture, we see God's design for His people is communal rather than isolated. **Church unity reflects the perfect unity of the Trinity**, inviting us to participate in something greater than ourselves. As Paul writes in Ephesians 4:3, we are called to make "every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

In this five-day plan, we will journey through the principles that undergird unity and peace in the church. From practicing humility to living in forgiveness and rejoicing in diversity, each day focuses on an aspect of kingdom harmony. By the end of this study, you will be inspired to actively live out the oneness in Christ within your church community, becoming a peacemaker who nurtures genuine relationships that testify to God's reconciling love.

Let us open our hearts and minds to God's Word together, seeking His guidance to be a church that shines with peace and unity for His glory.









## Day 1: W Called to Peaceful Unity









Day 1: 🔇 Called to Peaceful Unity

#### Your Verse

Ephesians 4:1–3 – "...Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 17:20–23 "...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."
- Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."







Day 1: W Called to Peaceful Unity

#### Devotional: Pursuing Unity with Intentional Peace

**Peace begins with a call from God to unity,** especially for the church. Paul appeals to believers in Ephesians to *live a life worthy of their calling* by making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit. This unity is not automatic but requires active effort and intentionality. The "bond of peace" is like glue that holds the body of Christ together amidst differences, challenges, and diverse backgrounds.

Jesus prayed fervently for unity among believers, reflecting the perfect unity within the Godhead (John 17). When we live in oneness, we resemble this divine relationship and show the world the reality of God's kingdom. Love is the foundational virtue that binds the church, creating a peaceful atmosphere where growth and ministry can flourish.

Reflect on your role in fostering peace in your church community. Are you actively pursuing unity, or allowing disagreements to hinder relationships? Take heart that peace flows when humility, love, and grace lead our interactions.







Day 1: 🖏 Called to Peaceful Unity

## Reflect and Apply

What efforts have you made recently to maintain peace and unity in your church?
How does understanding God's desire for unity shape your view of community conflicts?
In what areas can you actively practice love to strengthen your church's unity?







Day 1: 🖏 Called to Peaceful Unity

#### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a recent situation where peace was either maintained or broken in your church.
2.	List ways you can intentionally contribute to unity this week.
3.	Reflect on how God's calling motivates you to pursue peace.







Day 1: 🔇 Called to Peaceful Unity

#### Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to be a peacemaker within Your church. Teach me to value unity as You do and to live humbly and lovingly with others. Strengthen my heart to pursue peace even in difficult moments and to reflect the oneness You desire for us. May Your Spirit guide our church into deeper harmony and mutual care. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 

















Day 2: 💛 Unity Through Humility

#### Your Verse

Philippians 2:1-4 - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit...value others above yourselves."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 12:16 "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud...associate with the lowly."
- James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."







Day 2: 💝 Unity Through Humility

# Devotional: Choosing Humility For Peace and Oneness

Humility is the soil where peace and unity grow. Paul's encouragement to the Philippians challenges us to consider others more highly than ourselves to preserve the church's oneness. Selfish ambition and conceit fracture fellowship, but humility opens doors to deep reconciliation and connection.

Living out humility means intentionally listening, serving, and considering the needs of fellow believers above personal desires. It requires putting down our defenses and pride. God's Word reminds us that pride will be opposed by God, but He uplifts the humble.

As part of God's family, we must cultivate humility daily to reflect Christ's servant heart and nurture peace. When disagreements arise, humility redirects our focus from winning arguments to restoring relationships.







Day 2: 💛 Unity Through Humility

## Reflect and Apply

	Where have pride or selfishness hindered unity in your church or personal relationships?
	How can humility transform difficult conversations into opportunities for peace?
3.	In what ways can you put others' needs before your own this week?







Day 2: 💛 Unity Through Humility

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when humility led to peace in your church or group.
2.	Identify attitudes or behaviors you need to surrender to foster unity.
	Plan practical ways to demonstrate humility toward someone in your faith community.







Day 2: 💝 Unity Through Humility

#### Prayer for Today

Father, cultivate humility in my heart. Help me to set aside pride and selfishness so I can value others above myself. Teach me to follow the example of Jesus, who humbled Himself for the sake of unity and peace. Let me be an instrument of grace and reconciliation in my church family, reflecting Your love in all my relationships. *Thank You for Your gentle guidance. Amen.* 💢 🔾

















Day 3: Da

#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:12-14 - "...Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another...over all these virtues put on love."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Corinthians 13:4–7 "Love is patient, love is kind...it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."
- 1 John 4:7 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."







Day 3: Dove as the Bond of Peace

#### Devotional: Love: The Glue of Peace and Forgiveness

Love is the essential bond that holds peace in church unity together. Paul's words to the Colossians emphasize that love is not just an emotion but a deliberate choice to embody virtues like compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.

Living out love means bearing with imperfections and forgiving offenses, reflecting the grace we have received from Christ. The famous passage in 1 Corinthians reminds us of love's enduring nature, which shields the community from discord and division.

When love drives our interactions, peace naturally flows even amid challenges. It is the glue that keeps the diverse body of Christ united and functioning as one. As believers, pursuing love is essential for a healthy, peaceful church family.







Day 3: Da

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does love currently shape the atmosphere in your church?
	Are there relationships where forgiveness still needs to be extended to maintain peace?
3.	What does it look like to clothe yourself in love in everyday church life?







Day 3: Da

## **Journaling Prompts**

Recall a time your church experienced peace through forgiveness and love.
Write down someone you need to forgive to restore unity and what steps you might take.
List ways you can actively show compassion and kindness in your faith community.







Day 3: Day as the Bond of Peace

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, teach me to love as You love.** May my heart be filled with compassion, kindness, and patience, so I can bear with others and forgive freely. Help me to be a vessel of Your peace, binding the church together with Your perfect love. Let Your love shine through me, creating unity and reconciliation all around. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 

















#### Your Verse

1 Corinthians 12:12–14 – "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 12:4–5 "Just as each of us has one body with many members...so in Christ we, though many, form one body."
- Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Gentile...for you are all one in Christ Jesus."







#### Devotional: Peace Through Embracing Diverse Unity

Unity does not require uniformity. The church is described as one body with many parts, each uniquely gifted and essential. This diversity enriches the body and reflects God's creative design.

In a peaceful, unified church, differences are celebrated rather than suppressed. Each member contributes unique gifts, backgrounds, and perspectives that strengthen the whole. Paul's teaching reminds us that in Christ, cultural, social, and personal differences fade as we focus on our shared identity.

Embracing diversity with love and respect promotes peace by preventing pride and exclusion. When the church lives out oneness amidst diversity, it becomes a powerful testimony of God's reconciling work.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does your church currently celebrate or overlook its diversity?
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	Are there ways you can help promote inclusion and respect for different gifts and backgrounds?
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	What challenges exist in embracing diversity, and how can peace help overcome them?
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## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on the unique gifts you bring to your church community.
2.	Write about a time you experienced unity despite differences.
3.	Plan practical ways to encourage appreciation of diversity in your church.







#### **Prayer for Today**

God, thank You for creating a diverse yet unified church. Help me to embrace and celebrate the unique gifts and backgrounds of others, seeing each person as valuable in Your body. Teach me to promote peace by respecting and loving differences, reflecting the oneness we have in Christ. May our diversity be a beautiful expression of Your kingdom. *Amen.* • \*\*















#### Your Verse

Matthew 5:9 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 14:19 "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."
- Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy."







#### Devotional: Embracing the Role of Peacemaker Daily

**Peacemaking is an active lifestyle that reflects God's heart.** Jesus pronounces a blessing on those who pursue peace, calling them His children. Living out oneness in Christ requires courage, patience, and humility to bridge gaps, heal wounds, and build relationships.

Paul and the author of Hebrews urge believers to make every effort toward peace and holiness. This entails confronting unhealthy patterns, offering forgiveness, and putting others' spiritual growth ahead of personal preferences.

As we conclude this study, consider how God is calling you to be a peacemaker within your church. Your efforts, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can nurture a community where peace flourishes and Christ's love reigns.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What steps can you take to be a proactive peacemaker in your church?
	How can peacemaking impact your spiritual growth and the health of your faith community?
	In what ways does your church encourage or hinder peacemaking efforts?
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## **Journaling Prompts**

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#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus, make me a peacemaker in Your church.** Give me strength and wisdom to actively pursue peace and unity. Help me to reflect Your love by building up others and promoting harmony. May my life demonstrate the oneness we have in You and bring glory to Your name. Guide me daily to live as a true child of God. *Amen.* \(\mathbb{Y}\) \(\mathbb{E}\)







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