

A. The dictionary simply defines unity as being 'together' or 'at one' with 'someone' or 'something'.

1. THE PICTURE OF UNITY

• There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people. We were all given the same Spirit to drink. So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts.' - 1st Corinthians 12:12-14

2. THE PURPOSE OF UNITY

• I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, 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. I have given them the glory that you gave Me, that they may be one as we are one: 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. - John 17:20-23

3. THE PROBLEM WITH UNITY:

• Strive to maintain the bond of unity' - Ephesians 4:3

4. THE POSSIBLITY OF UNITY:

- 'For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in His flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.'
- Ephesians 2:14-16