

Doctrine of Unity, 2d-24

- d. Unity includes complete accord among believers regarding divine viewpoint. All will not agree about everything but there will be consensus regarding the foundational truths of the Christian faith.
- e. Unity results in complete agreement among believers regarding the mechanics of executing the plan of God. By definition, unity is incongruous with the life of the loser believer: e.g., mental attitude sins, the arrogance complex of sins, and the emotional complex of sins.

There are two major threats to the unity of the Royal Family: (1) fragmentation of believers because of ignorance of doctrine and (2) fragmentation of believers because of arrogance and emotion. Unity cannot be maintained when relationship with people is emphasized over relationship with God.

One of the errors of legalism is the erroneous assumption that if you have a good relationship with people then you have a good relationship with God.

Unity is a part of God's grace plan which provides the Royal Family with corporate stability, security, protection, and confidence.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation is the means of establishing positional unity. However, for this unity to become a reality for a corporate body of believers there must be a corporate advance by means of the three spiritual skills. Collective advance within a system of corporate mentorship results in experiential unity among believers.

The local church is where corporate mentorship occurs within the souls of believers who consistently assemble there. Because of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, positional unity means we all are members of a new spiritual species within the same royal family. Each possess equal privilege and equal opportunity to advance together in fulfilling the plan of God. The unity package of the royal family is noted in:

Ephesians 4:5 - One Lord [same Savior], one faith [same way of salvation], one immersion [same baptism of the Holy Spirit], Unity begins with the fact that we have one Savior, indicated by the word Lord.

Unity begins with the fact that all come to salvation exactly the same way—through faith alone and that faith directed toward Christ alone.

Unity begins with the fact that believers are a new spiritual species with unique divine operating assets due to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever God, Christ, doctrine, and grace are emphasized then there is harmony, consensus, and agreement among members of the Royal Family. Wherever people are emphasized then there is dissension, division, and discord among members of the Royal Family.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit means that all barriers associated with the resident sinful nature have been positionally removed.

Positional sanctification means that the Royal Family is in positional unity. Experiential sanctification means that the Royal Family is in experiential unity.

Experiential unity among believers is therefore made possible by the two power options. Experiential unity among believers becomes a reality by means of the three spiritual skills.

Ultimate sanctification means that the Royal Family is in ultimate unity, i.e., eternal unity in resurrection body forever.

Gregg, Josiah. Commerce of the Prairies. Edited by Max L. Moorhead. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1954, page 28:

After leaving [Round Grove] the troubles and vicissitudes of our journey began in good earnest; for on reaching the narrow ridge which separates the Osage and Kansas [Kaw] waters (known as 'the Narrows'), we encountered a region of very troublesome quagmires. On such occasions it is quite common for a wagon to sink to the hubs in mud, while the surface of the soil all around would appear perfectly dry and smooth. To extricate each other's wagons we had frequently to employ double and triple teams, with 'all hands to the wheels' in addition ... often led by the proprietors themselves up to the waist in mud and water.