

*One in Unity
for the Last Crisis Part 1*

All true laborers for God will work in harmony with this prayer. Testimonies, Vol. 7, pp. 156, 157

Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. EV 698

Philippians 1:27 “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.”

Yet under one head--the papal power--the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate. While he seeks to unite his agents in warring against the truth he will work to divide and scatter its advocates.(Maranatha, p 187)

Jealousy, evil surmising, evilspeaking, are instigated by him to produce discord and dissension. The members of Christ's church have the power to thwart the purpose of the adversary of souls. At such a time as this let them not be found at **variance with one another** or with **any of the Lord's workers**. Maranatha, p 187

All desire to **hurt and weaken and destroy the influence of even the weakest of God's workers**, is **registered in the books of heaven** as desire to weaken the influence of Jesus Christ. The warfare we are to undertake is to be waged against the confederacy of evil, which is arrayed against the people of God. But **woe unto those who shall turn their implements of warfare against their own brethren**. God reminds us that we are to fight in unison with the angels of heaven, and that more than angels are engaged in the warfare. {HM, August 1, 1896 par. 5}

If the love of God was a living, abiding element in the soul, there would be love among the brethren, and many who have been indifferent to the great Teacher's commandment, who now **bite and devour one another**, would be convinced of their mistake, and draw into fellowship. God has made every provision for better things. God's people have close, severe battles to fight; **but these battles are not to be against their brethren**. {HM, August 1, 1896 par. 5}

How can the carnal mind harmonize with the mind that is assimilated to the mind of Christ? **One is sowing to the flesh, thinking and acting in accordance with the promptings of his own heart**; the other is sowing to the Spirit, seeking to repress selfishness, to overcome inclination, and to live in obedience to the Master, whose servant he professes to be. Thus there is a perpetual difference of taste, of inclination, and of purpose. {AH 84.1}

Those who will now support and build up the truth of God are ranging on one side and are standing with heart to heart, with one mind, with one voice, with one judgment, glorifying God by keeping a united front in defense of the truth which will eventually triumph, while those who will break up and confuse and do not labor to have harmony of purpose and action are verily doing the work of Satan, not the work of God. **They feel annoyed because all honor and all**

praise is not given to their superior judgment. They feel fully capable to grasp in their arms large responsibilities, and to be an independent body under no control. They do not keep the way of the Lord. They are ranged on the other side, ready to say, "Has not God spoken by us? You take too much upon yourselves." {20MR 370.2}

Do not let division come in to destroy the spirit of unity. We want unity; and when we pray together, let faith lay hold upon the Mighty One. Christ is looking upon us in love. If we will walk in His footsteps, following on to know the Lord, we shall know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. {LLM 566.2}

In **unity of feeling, thought, and action.** This unity it was Christ's object to secure. To this end He sought to *bring them into unity with Himself.* {AA 20.2}

Christ is leading out a people, and bringing them into the **unity of the faith**, that they may be one, as He is one with the Father. {1T 324.1}

Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the *unity of the faith*, and of the *knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man*, unto the *measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ*:

Differences of opinion must be yielded, that all may come into union with the body, that they may have **one mind and one judgment.** {1T 324.1}

Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded**, having the *same love*, being of *one accord*, of *one mind*.

1 Corinthians 1:10: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Romans 15:5, 6: "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with **one mind and one mouth glorify God**, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The unity that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either. ***In mind, in purpose, in character, they are one, but not in person.*** By partaking of the Spirit of God, conforming to the law of God, man becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ brings His disciples into a living union with Himself and with the Father. Through the working of the Holy Spirit upon the human mind, man is made complete in Christ Jesus. {5BC 1148.3}

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