

The Covenant of Unity

Genesis 11:1-6

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain/*plein*/ in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt/*'æ.s.fɑ:lt/* for mortar. / *'mɔ:r.tə/* ⁴ And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

Covenant: It is based on an agreement and commitment of two lives that become one.

- The purpose of covenant is to be one.
- There is no unity if there is no commitment.
- It was not God's will to build the tower, but they had the right principles.

Unity principles:

- The same language
- The same Commitment

Commitment: “It is a voluntary act of giving oneself in sacrifice to a person or giving oneself in sacrifice to a purpose, a vision, a cause or a thing.”

- One same Mind

The foundation for covenant is sacrifice.

- Where there is no sacrifice there is no fire

Psalms 50:5 “Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”

- Commitment is a sign of unity.
- Love is the motivation in unity.

- Commitment goes beyond just being involved.
- Without covenant God does not commit
- Every relationship is measured according to commitment.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

- Love eliminates the why.
- Commitment is giving your life as a sacrifice for others.
- The opposite of commitment is being indifferent.
- The opposite of unity is division.
- Jesus is only Lord in what you have only surrendered to Him.
- Any area you do not surrender to Him is a legal entry to the enemy.
- Pleasing Him exceeds my desire to please others.

The purpose of unity is to gather the harvest.

Philippians 2:2

fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

Illustration: Call certain leaders to link arms in unity

Call to salvation.

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THE POWER OF THE BLOOD

God gave us two ways to defeat Satan! Don't wait any longer and start witnessing what the blood of Jesus has done in your life!

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Revelation 12:11

- The critical blow to Satan came when the Lamb, Jesus Christ, shed His blood for our sins.

³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen (riz-uhn), who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine[**fam-in**], or nakedness, or peril[**per-uh l**], or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter[**slaw-ter**].”

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height [**hahyt**] nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:34-39

- Firmly declare your faith in the finished work of the cross, and constantly participate in the final victory of Jesus, overcoming Satan through the power of the cross and the steadfastness of your confession of faith in the triumph of Christ.

Revelation 12:11 New Testament for Everyone (NTE)

They conquered him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony, because they did not love their lives unto death.

To whom does the Bible refer when it says "They"? To us believers

Let's assume that you're a boxer and your trainer has told you that there are two ways how to defeat your opponent[**uh-poh-nuhnt**]. Would you do something different to win the fight?

God gives us two effective ways to overcome Satan, but we fail[**feyl**] to practice them.

HOW CAN WE DEFEAT SATAN?

- By the blood of the Lamb
- By the word of our testimony

God did not tell us that we were going to defeat him with prayer and fasting. Nor singing.

WHAT DID THE BLOOD OF JESUS DO FOR US?

Illustration: A cross and a clen sheet

1. The blood of Jesus sanctifies us

To sanctify means to separate. The blood of Jesus separated us for God. It cleansed us from all evil and separated us for Jesus. A holy person is one who has been separated

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer[**hef-er**] (a young cow over one year old that has not produced a calf.), sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:13-14

2. The blood of Jesus justify[juhs-tuh-fahy] us

To be justified is to be declared as one who is not guilty. It means being counted as righteous, as if he/she had never sinned.

2 Corinthians 5:21 New Testament for Everyone (NTE)

The Messiah did not know sin, but God made him to be sin on our behalf, so that in him we might embody[em-bod-ee] God's faithfulness to the covenant.

3. The blood of Jesus cleanses us - Redeems

A. If I sin today and I repent God cleanses me because He justifies me and I will not feel guilty or unworthy. My past is now behind me.

Prayer: "Lord, if there is any sin in my life, your blood is enough to cleanse me and it makes me righteous, I am clean and purified."

B. When you testify what the blood of Christ has done for you, you are saying: "I am sanctified and I am just, as if I had never sinned"

C. When you testify what the blood of Jesus did for you, the devil is going to say, "Oh no! That's what defeated me! It is the blood of Jesus!"

D. The devil has no argument against your testimony

E. THE BLOOD APPLIED AT THE DOORPOSTS OF THE ISRAELITES -
Exodus 12: 7,12-13

And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel[lin-tl] of the houses where they eat it.

Exodus 12:12-13 (NLT)

¹² On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD! ¹³ But the blood on your

doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague[pleyg] of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

They applied the blood to the lintel of the door with a swab

Illustration a bucket and a cotton swab

The reason why you are sick, witchcraft is working against you, the devil is attacking your family and your finances, it's because you have a bucket full of blood, but you do not apply it to the lintel of your door.

You never bear witness (testify) to what the blood has done for you!
The enemy's darts are working in your mind, in your body and in your finances, because you don't apply the blood testifying.

If the blood is applied, the enemy cannot touch you and the darts do not enter.

How is the devil defeated? Witnessing. The reason you have been living without spiritual walls is because you never talk about what the blood of Jesus has done in your life.

Witnessing must be part of our culture here at church. Witnessing to your family, friends, and neighbors.

Testify of what God has done in your body, marriage, finances.

Every time you give testimony - what you are saying is that Jesus Christ is alive!!!

Rekindle the Passion for Souls

How many people die every day in the world?

It is estimated that more than 56 million deaths occur annually, which translates to approximately /ə'pra:k.sə.mət.li/ 4.6 million deaths monthly, 150,000 daily, 6,000 every hour, 106 every minute and almost 2 deaths every second. - Feb 22, 2024

- Why does God call us to love people?
- How to revive the passion for souls?

2 Timothy 1:6

Therefore, I remind you to stir/stɜː/ up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

- Stir: anasopureo: Repeat a previous action and do something. Become enthusiastic again.
- Passion: An inner fire. Passion is something supernatural.

Jeremiah 20:9 - Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

⁹ If I say, I will not make mention of [the Lord] or speak any more in His name, in my mind *and* heart it is as if there were a burning fire shut up in my bones. And I am weary of enduring *and* holding it in; I cannot [contain it any longer].

- Where your passion is, that is your calling.
- When you are on fire for Jesus you will be on fire for souls

Five keys to rekindle the passion for souls.

1. Maintain eternal perspective.
2. The reality of hell
“A letter from hell”
3. The coming of Christ
4. The love of God
5. Commit to go and gather the harvest.

See the eternal perspective.

- Eternity is outside of time, above time and is beyond time. Eternity is something that never ends.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, /ɪˈmɔːr.təl/ invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, **He has put eternity in their hearts**, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Matthew 6:19-20

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

- There is life after the grave. Whether in hell or heaven.
- Everything will be burned. Everything under heaven is temporary. Let us turn our attention to what is eternal.

2 Peter 3:10-12

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening /ˈheɪ.sən/ the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Luke 14:23 - Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

²³ Then the master said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and urge *and* constrain [them] to yield *and* come in, so that my house may be filled.

The power of The Resurrection in you

Romans 8:11 - Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

¹¹ And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He Who raised up Christ *Jesus* from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.

1. God will bring dead believers back to life and make all his children perfect like Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

¹³ Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [^[a]in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].

¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [^[b]in death].

¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him ^[c]in death].

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!

¹⁸ Therefore comfort *and* encourage one another with these words.

2. Resurrection is "bodily." Resurrected believers will, like Christ, receive new physical forms.

1 Corinthians 15:44 - Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

⁴⁴ It is sown a natural (physical) body; it is raised a supernatural (a spiritual) body. [As surely as] there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

Because Christ was raised from the dead, we shall be raised from the dead. The Holy Spirit will deliver us from the "body of his death"—this old nature.