

Again, looking at Ephesians 4:13, the result of spiritual growth is coming together in the “**unity of the faith**”. Many Christians treat “*unity*” as the goal when it is actually one of the results of the actual goal, and the real goal is spiritual maturity!

Spiritual growth in Jesus Christ results in Christian unity.

Man-made unity based on compromise and trying to “get along” never results in spiritual growth.

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### Compromise Is Not An Option!

How could believers even consider compromise as a viable choice to make unity happen? Ephesians 4:13 speaks of “*unity of the faith*” and becoming a “*perfect man*” to the measure of the “*fullness of Christ*”.

In light of these attributes of “*unity*”, how could “compromise” possibly fit in with the “fullness of Christ”?

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### Can Two Walk Together Unless They Agree?

*“You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. (3)  
Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:2-3)*

Clearly our “agreement” must be with God. In this passage, the context calls for punishment for their iniquities. The question here is, “Can we have godly unity without agreement with God!”

### Biblical Examples Of Man-made Unity

Can God’s people **compromise** and become united and accomplish mighty things? **Yes!**

But what does God think of this kind of “*unity*”?

A couple of Biblical examples would include the **Tower of Babel** and the **Golden Calves**. In both cases the people, God’s people, **united** against God. Each incident was contrary to God’s Word and was exemplary of the **unified efforts of man**.

God was **NOT** happy about this type of **unity**. At the tower of Babel... God **forced** them to stop by interrupting their ability to communicate with each other.

The result of the golden calves was that about three thousand men lost their lives!

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### Conclusion

Spiritual maturity is the goal.

Godly unity is the result.

Compromise is never an option.

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*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)*

*“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)*

*“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:” (Ephesians 4:13)*

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In the KJV, the English word “unity” appears only three times. Here are a few observations from these instances...

### Observations And Thoughts About Godly Unity

- \* It is a good and pleasant thing
- \* When brethren (believers) dwell together in unity
- \* We must endeavor to keep the **unity of the Spirit**
- \* Ecumenical, secular, or compromising unity is **NOT unity of the Spirit**
- \* Unity of the Spirit **binds us together in peace**
- \* The **GOAL** of Christian unity is **MATURITY in Christ!**

# CHRISTIAN UNITY

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\* **Unity** itself is **NOT** the goal... **spiritual maturity is!**

When most Christians speak of “unity” they often mean that they want you to compromise and embrace their beliefs... for the sake of unity.

Is this what “**unity in the Spirit**” is?

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**What is the Difference between “Unity” and “Unity of the Spirit”**

**COMPROMISE!**

Seeking Unity - leads to false love and compromise in an effort to “*keep the peace*” and the “unity” This type of “unity” is **VERY FRAGILE** and will fall apart at the first sign of trouble or tension.

Seeking Unity of the Spirit - leads to **NO COMPROMISE** - this type of Holy Spirit led unity **cannot** be broken. It is strong and durable. Only walking out of the Spirit's leading can sever this unity.

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**Comparisons - False And True Unity**

False Unity - This type of “unity” can be forced, it can be made to happen. Compromise amongst the individuals can result in a united group.

Deal making, negotiations, contracts, and agreements can result in many false unities.

Striving for a common goal can also tend towards false unities.

True Unity - This type of “unity” comes only by spiritual growth. It cannot be made or manipulated. It comes by yielding to the Bible, the Word of God. It comes in this manner...

*“And they continued steadfastly in the **apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**”* (Acts 2:42)

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**How Does One Have and Maintain Godly Unity?**

Walk in the Light

Jesus is the Light and His Holy Word is the Light... walk in the Light and then we have fellowship with one another!

*“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP** one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* (1 John 1:7)

Clearly Christian unity is based upon **Truth** and **Light**. Jesus is the **Truth** and the **Light**.

If we are walking under the leading of the Holy Spirit, will we ever **compromise**? **No**, we will not.

Here is another thought about “walking in the Light”...

*“**Thy word is a lamp** unto my **feet**, and **a light** unto my **path**.”* (Psalm 119:105)

If we desire to walk in unity... we must walk in the Light of God's Word, the Bible. Scripture shows us how we should walk, as well as where to walk... it illuminates our feet and our path.

If one person is walking in darkness and the other is walking in the Light, how can they be united? They cannot.

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**Spiritual Maturity Is The Goal!**

*“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 fullness of Christ:**”* (Ephesians 4:13)

As we see in Ephesians 4:13, the goal is spiritual growth and maturity. We are to **come** to the **unity of the faith**, to a **perfect man**, to the **fullness of Christ**.

As we begin to mature in Christ, our differences decrease and we become increasingly Christ-like. Becoming more like Jesus makes us less different from each other, and thus, **more unified**.

Is there any **compromise in Jesus**? **No!** Therefore, individual members of the body of Christ will not be **compromisers** just to “*make peace*” with other believers.

Becoming more like Jesus will *bring peace!*

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**Godly Unity Is The Result!**