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**Theme Unit:** Enduring Beliefs of the Church

**Unit III:** The Church and Its Teachings

**Subject:** Working Together Makes Us Better

**Printed Text:** Mark 4: 26-32; Ephesians 4: 4-6, 11-16

**Key verse:** Speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4: 15-16, KJV).

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) Unity's Foundation (Mark 4: 26-32; Ephesians 4: 4-6)
- 2) Unity's Provision (Ephesians 4: 11-13)
- 3) Unity's Results (Ephesians 4: 14-16)

**Introduction:**

Christian unity is rooted in Jesus Christ's teaching, particularly in HIS prayer found in John chapter 17. Jesus Christ prayed to GOD the Father that HIS (Jesus Christ's) followers would be one with GOD the FATHER and GOD the SON; unifying HIS followers just as HE (Jesus Christ) and the Father are one; so that the world would believe that the Father sent HIM (Jesus Christ), and that HE, Jesus Christ, loves HIS church (Read John 17: 21-23). So, the apostle Paul gave another reason for Christian unity, found in Romans 15: 5-6; to be likeminded one toward another, and with one mind and one mouth glorify GOD, even the Father of our LORD Jesus Christ. This kind of unity can be challenging challenges for believers to maintain; challenges such as disagreements about theological differences, cultural and ethic diversity, personal preferences over worship styles, and failure to understand and prioritize the very mission Jesus Christ gave unto HIS church (Read Matthew 28: 19-20). Even though these and other challenges may occur in the church; Christian unity is achievable through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ gave every believer the manifestations of the Spirit to equip the believer for service, and the ability to work together harmoniously to build up the church, to show the unity of believers as the body of Jesus Christ (Read 1 Corinthians 12: 7). Paul reminded the Ephesian believers that unity doesn't just happen over night; it requires intentional effort and prayer and a commitment to grow spiritually and to strive daily to achieve and maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- Unity's Foundation (Mark 4: 26-32; Ephesians 4: 4-6)

To explain the unity's foundation Jesus Christ gave a Parable of the Kingdom of GOD, and scattered seeds; saying, "And he said, So is the kingdom of GOD, as if a man should cast seed into the ground (Mark 4: 26). And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how (Mark 4: 27). For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in (Mark 4: 28). Jesus Christ goes on to say, But when the fruit is brough forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come (Mark 4: 29)." Now , Jesus Christ gave examples of the smallest seed; saying, "And he said, whereunto shall we liken the Kingdom of GOD? Or with what comparison shall we compare it (Mark 4: 30)? It is

like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth (Mark 4: 31). But when it is sown, it growth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it (Mark 4: 32).” This parable of Jesus Christ is referred prophetically to the church and the church’s astounding growth. Knowing and understanding that we (the followers of Jesus Christ) are the church; the very disciples of Jesus Christ. With this understanding we show the work of the Kingdom of GOD; unified in Jesus Christ. Being one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling (Ephesians 4: 4). And that there is one LORD (Jesus Christ), one faith (in Jesus Christ), one baptism (in Jesus Christ) (Ephesians 4: 5). And to know that there is only One GOD and Father of all (Jesus Christ), who is above all, and through all, and in you all (Ephesians 4: 6).

#### Lesson Pointer # 2

- Unity’s Provision (Ephesians 4: 11-13)

The Christian, unity provision, is provided by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ appoints and empowers leaders with gifts: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelist; and some, pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4: 11). This is done for the purpose of perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4: 12): 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). Jesus Christ unifies HIS spiritual leaders, in health, in growth, and in working together to reflect HIM (Jesus Christ) and to carry out HIS (Jesus Christ’s) mission in the world.

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#### Lesson Pointer # 3

- Unity’s Results (Ephesians 4: 14-16)

Paul the writer of Ephesians gives us believers the benefit of working together in unity by using our spiritual gifts to be secured in Truth, and to follow God-given spiritual leaders (Ephesians 4: 14). Now, Truth is what all believers are to speak; in love is how all believers are to speak the Truth; For the outcome of teaching Truth in love is spiritual maturity that is the result of unity (Ephesians 4: 15). From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joints supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4: 16). Paul warns us believers to reject the worldly lifestyle of the Gentiles that are marked by spiritual ignorance and separation from GOD. We are as believers of Jesus Christ to show a renewed mindset that is rooted in faith in Jesus Christ, in truth of Jesus Christ, and in Jesus Christ’s righteousness, serving as a body of believers witnessing Jesus Christ to unify the body, the church.

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#### Nuggets Of The Lesson:

- 1) Christian Unity doesn’t happen over night.
- 2) We believers in Jesus Christ are to use our spiritual gifts GOD gave us at salvation to help build unity and encourage growth in the church.
- 3) Know that there is one body and one Spirit, just as you are called to one hope when you were called.
- 4) And Know that there is One LORD (Jesus Christ), One Faith, One Baptism.
- 5) And know that there is only One GOD and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all (JESUS CHRIST).