

## Unity in the Church

**Concept development:** Church – Being of one mind

### Body:

Civil disagreement among brethren

It seems to be small matters that are under consideration (6:2)

It would be better to suffer wrong than to take the matter to court

Even the “no account” brethren could decide these matters better (6:4)

There is no gain in a lawsuit (6:7)

Causes hard feelings among the brethren (Eph. 4:26) Prov. 18:19

Christians should be able to work out their own problems

The saints shall judge the world and angels

Standing by Jesus as He judges

Proof that one can obey and be pleasing to God

The people in dispute should be able to work it out

With the help of other wise Christians

### Partaking of the Lord's Supper

The Corinthians Christians made the Lord's Supper a feast

Love Feast (Agape) [Jude 12]

The rich had much food, ate to their fill, boasting of their portion, not waiting for all

The poor had little food and were hungry and they were embarrassed in their lack

This caused division and hard feelings

They were partaking to satisfy the flesh

They treated the Lord's Table as their own

A common meal to fill their bellies

They would not share what they had so that all may have enough [Acts 2:44]

Have you not houses to eat in

On the Night that the Lord was betrayed

Jesus knew that death and separation from God was near, it was a solemn occasion

We are to remember what the Lord did for us

The bread – His body that lived a perfect life and suffered death on the cross

The cup – His blood that sealed the covenant to wash away our sins

We are to partake to satisfy our spirit

### Spiritual gifts

The Corinthians misused their spiritual gifts

They put rank on the gifts that they possessed

They took pride in the high ranking gifts and looked down on the low ranking gifts

Speaking in tongues was the highest ranking gift

This caused problems and divisions in the church

Paul instructs the proper use of spiritual gifts

They all come from God through the Holy Spirit

There are many gifts but only one over all, purpose

The body has many members with different functions but work together for one purpose

There are many spiritual gifts with different functions but work together for one purpose

**CLASS: SR. HIGH**  
**TEXT: 1 COR. 6:1-8**  
**1 COR. 11:17-12:31**

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**LESSON 4**  
**MEMORY VERSE: ROM. 1:16**

### **QUESTIONS**

#### **1 COR. 6:1-8**

- 1. – Should you take a brother to court over small matters?**
- 2. – Can you take a brother to court over serious matters?**
- 3. –What are some problems that can arise within a congregation over disagreements (not matters of faith) between brethren?**
- 4. –If matters between brethren cannot be settled, what should the brother who has been wronged do?**
- 5. – How will the saints judge the world and the angels?**

#### **1 COR. 11:17-12:31**

- 1. – READ MATT. 26:26-29; MARK 14: 22-25; LUKE 22:14-20. Why was the Lord's Supper instituted?**
- 2. – What had the Corinthians done to the Lord's Supper?**
- 3. – What problems had this caused other then it not being what the Lord intended?**
- 4. – What does Paul tell them to do?**
- 5. – What should be our attitude when we partake of the Lord's Supper?**
- 6. – What was the purpose of spiritual gifts?**
- 7. – Were some spiritual gifts rated higher then others by the Lord?**
- 8. – What problem did the Corinthians have with spiritual gifts?**
- 9. - What does Paul tell them concerning these spiritual gifts?**

## UNITY IN THE CHURCH

TEXT: I Cor. 6:1-8; 11:17-12:31

ABC REFERENCE XI-4

### A VERSE TO REMEMBER:

*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 you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

### QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is unity ?  
How can many be of one mind ?
2. What were the Christians in I Cor. 6:1-8 doing to show a lack of unity ?
3. Who, in I Cor. 6:4, is qualified to judge in matters that pertain to this life?
4. What kind of example do you think we set when Christians cannot get along with one another ?
5. What attitude should we have when wronged by another Christian ?  
  
Should we retaliate or hold a grudge?
6. Should Christians divide over matters that pertain to this life ?
7. What was causing division in I Cor. 11:17-34?
8. How did Paul propose to solve the problem ?  
Who did he turn to for the solution?
9. What was to be their focus in taking the Lord's supper ?
10. Explain the concept described in I Cor. 12:12 ?
11. How can many members make up one body ?
12. How can those members of the body that we deem as unimportant have an effect on the whole ?
13. To what purpose has God tempered the body together ?
14. Explain how I Cor. 12:26 might work in the church?

15. From the passages listed below state the problem that caused a lack of unity.

I Cor. 1:11-14

I Cor. 5

I Cor. 6: 1-8

I Cor. 8

I Cor. 11:17-34

I Cor. 12

16. Have you kept up with your daily bible reading ?

**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS :**

Review all memory work.