

## *The Message Notes*

**Message:** *Let's Stay Together*

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**Text:** John 14:27



*<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.*

**Objective:** Our objective is to learn the believer's responsibility for maintaining unity in the body of Christ.

1. COOPERATE - *"And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them." - Genesis 11:6*
  - a. One \_\_\_\_\_ – *"behold, they are one people."*
  - b. One \_\_\_\_\_ – *"and they all have one language."*
  - c. One \_\_\_\_\_ – *"And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them."*
  
2. COVER - *"<sup>1-2</sup> Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" - Romans 15:1-2*
  - a. We \_\_\_\_\_ each other's burdens – *"...step in and lend a hand to those who falter."*
  - b. We \_\_\_\_\_ from the ways of the world – *"...Strength is for service, not status."*
  - c. We \_\_\_\_\_ others up who are weak in certain areas – *"...Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?"*

3. COST – *“<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:”* (Phil. 2:3-5)
  - a. Take your eyes off \_\_\_\_\_ – *“...<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition.”*
  - b. Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ to others – *“...<sup>4</sup>Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*
  - c. Have the \_\_\_\_\_ attitude as Christ – *“...<sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”*
  
4. COMPLETE - *“Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.”* 1 Corinthians 1:10
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ – *“...that you all agree.”*
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ – *“...there be no divisions among you.”*
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ – *“...same mind and in the same judgment.”*
  
5. COVENANT – *“Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud to the people. Again, they all responded, “We will do everything the LORD has commanded. We will obey.”*
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ - Support one another
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ - Cover one another
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ - Encourage one another

TAKEAWAY – To live in unity, we must fight against divisions in the church, by walking in agreement with one another, so we don’t lose our witness to the world.