

## The Message Notes

**Message:** *We Are In This Together*

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**Text:** Ephesians 4:1-6



**Objective:** Our objective is to teach the importance and benefits of dwelling together in unity as the body of Christ.

(ESV) Ephesians 4:1-6: *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,<sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,<sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism,<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

Pastor Keith has taught us that we have the Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_.

We also have the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 6:1-2 – *“Brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should **restore** him in a **spirit of gentleness**. Keep watch on yourself, **lest you too be tempted**.<sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*

What is Unity?

*Biblical unity is a group of Christ Followers, connected by the Holy Spirit, all with one purpose, and that is to advance the kingdom of God and glorify Christ.*

“Pando” – Latin for \_\_\_\_\_

Scientists have studied Pando and taken DNA samples from several of the individual “trees” and found that they each possess the same DNA.

**Colossians 2:6-7** – *“<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,<sup>7</sup> **rooted** and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”*

**John 15:4-5** *“<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.<sup>5</sup> I*

*am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in Unity - Philippians 1:27
  - a. When we stand united as the body of Christ, we tap into a supernatural power that empowers us to navigate the challenges of life.
  - b. This unity, like the interconnected roots of the Aspen trees in Utah forming Pando, creates a strength that withstands the fiercest storms of life.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in Unity – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
  - a. Despite the individual vulnerabilities of each Aspen tree, the collective strength shields them from harm.
  - b. Likewise, when we stand united in Christ, our shared faith becomes a fortress of protection, guarding us from the assaults of the evil one.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in Unity – Romans 12:13
  - a. This unity brings about a divine provision that meets our needs and sustains us in every season of life.
  - b. When we stand united in Christ, there is a spiritual provision that flows from our heavenly Father, meeting the needs of each member of the body.

**TAKEAWAY:** We are assured of extraordinary power, protection, and provision that come when we embrace and practice Biblical unity in Christ.