



Special Message: A source of unity when everyone disagrees

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Biblical texts: Galatians 3:26-28, Colossians 3:5-14, James 1:19-20
Proverbs 18:13, 1 Peter 4:8, Ephesians 6:11-12, 1 Corinthians 10:14-17

Memory verse: James 1:19 *Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry*

— *Reflection and Discussion Notes* —

† An essential question or hopelessly naïve?

† Scripture declares that within the Body of Christ, there is not just potential for unity, but a CALLING to be people of unity.

† A few common strategies...

- It's gotta be my way- strategy of ARROGANCE
- Just don't talk about it- strategy of AVOIDANCE

† In Christ, the Holy Spirit isn't just working to make us spiritually healthy. He is working to make us EMOTIONALLY healthy.

† Reality! In scripture, we see that as believers, true unity in the presences of disagreement is possible through the greater reality of our shared IDENTITY and ONENESS in Christ.

† A few myths...

† Unity in scripture

† Okay... we are one in Christ, but what does this *look like*?

Reality! The result of spiritually and emotionally healthy believers living by the Holy Spirit is not the ABSENCE of disagreement, but the presence of unity in the MIDST of disagreement.

† Getting Practical... what's your issue?

Unity when we disagree (how to have a Spirit led argument!)

† By the Spirit, I will LISTEN

† By the Spirit, I will LOVE

† By the Spirit, I will get over being OFFENDED

† By the Spirit, I will *armor up*, but I won't misidentify the ENEMY