



YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN: PART 3

MAKING UNITY HAPPEN

EPHESIANS 4:13, 3-5

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ **until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God** and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:3-5

³ **Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called; ⁵ **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**; ⁶ **one God and Father** of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

DIFFERENCES MAKE UNITY DIFFICULT

EPHESIANS 4:3

³ **Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace.

Unity requires effort, because there are so many things that divide us.

JESUS MAKES UNITY POSSIBLE

EPHESIANS 4:7, 12-13

⁷ But to each one of us **grace has been given as Christ apportioned it**. . . . ¹² to equip his people for works of service, **so that the body of Christ may be built up** ¹³ **until we all reach unity in the faith** and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Unity requires grace and faith, because only Jesus can bring us together.

WE MAKE UNITY HAPPEN THROUGH GOD

EPHESIANS 4:3-6

³ **Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one **Spirit**, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one **Lord**, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one **God and Father** of all, who is **over** all and **through** all and **in** all.

Unity requires the triune presence (over, through, and in) of the triune God (Spirit, Lord, Father).

JOHN 17:20-23

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ **that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you**. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—**so that they may be brought to complete unity**. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

PSALM 133

¹ How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.
³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.
 For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.