

竭力保守聖靈所賜合而為一的心 KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

保羅在以弗所書第四章三節告訴我們「竭力保守聖靈所賜合而為一的心」，因為他實在認識神永遠的心意是要得著教會，而他在以弗所書第一章二十三節就說明了教會的意義。『教會是祂的身體，是那充滿萬有者所充滿的』，這節經文或可直譯為『教會是基督的身體，是那充滿萬有者的豐滿』。教會乃是基督的身體，又是基督的豐滿。這一個豐滿原本是隱藏在道成肉身的基督裏面，直等到祂被釘十字架將身體裂開，這個豐滿才釋放了出來，如同一粒麥子落在地裏死了就結出許多子粒來（約 12:24）。這一個釋放，擴大出來的豐滿就是教會。

教會既是基督的身體，又是基督的豐滿，只有當教會顯出身體合一的見證時，神的心才會得著滿足。保羅說要竭力保守「聖靈的合一」(the unity of the Spirit)，是保守合一而不是去造出合一來，也不是作一些事好達到合一的目的。我們不能保守我們所沒有的東西，我們只能保守我們所已有的東西，所以「聖靈的合一」是神已經賜給我們的。

當神的兒女重生得救時，聖靈就住在每一個人裡面，使我們和世人不同，也使我們信徒彼此相同，這是神所賜奧祕的「合一」，是每一個基督徒所共有的。基督徒的合一不是人為的，也不是大家意見相同、看法相同就是合一，乃是我們一得救就自然在這一「合一」裏。這一個「合一」，聖經稱之為「聖靈的合一」。我們雖然不能造出一個合

As stated in Ephesians 4:3, Paul said: “Being diligent to preserve the unity of Spirit in the bond of peace.” Paul truly understood what God wanted to obtain was His church. In Ephesians 1:23, Paul also explained what church was, saying: “... the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” Therefore, church is His body and His fullness. This fullness was once hidden in Christ who was the word incarnated. The fullness was not released until Christ was crucified when His body was broken. His death was like a grain of wheat that has fallen into the earth and died, it has born much fruit. (John 12:24) His release of fullness through death results in the expanded fullness, that is, His church.

Church is the body of Christ and the fullness of Christ. So God's heart can not be satisfied until church reveals the testimony of unity in the body. That was why Paul urged us to be diligent to preserve the unity of Spirit. He told us to “preserve”, instead of “making” unity, or to do something to “reach” unity. We can never preserve something we do not already have. Hence, the “unity of Spirit” is something God has given us.

The moment when each of God's children is saved, His Spirit will dwell inside of us. The indwelling Spirit is what makes us different from people in the world, also what makes us believers one. The unity resulting from this “oneness” is the mysterious, but commonly owned, unity that God has given to us. This unity was not man-made, or achieved because we agree with one another. We have been naturally united in one the moment we were saved. This unity is called the “unity of

一，因為我們已經藉着聖靈在基督裏合一了。但是，我們卻能破壞這個合一的功用，叫它不能顯明在神兒女中間。所以，我們所得的命令，是應當竭力的保守這個合一，讓基督身體已有合一的實際能夠實現出來。

以弗所書第四章三節的「合一(unity)」一字的原文在聖經中只出現過兩次，另外一處是在以弗所書第四章的第十三節，「直等到我們眾人在真道上同歸於一(unity)，認識神的兒子，得以長大成人，滿有基督長成的身量。」神賜給教會各樣的恩賜，就是使徒、先知、傳福音的、牧師和教師等職事，為的是要成全聖徒，各盡其職，建立基督的身體。整個教會建造的結果是基督身體「一」的見證能夠出現。但是，是不是要所有神的兒女對於每一點聖經的解釋都要相同，各地聚會的方式都要相同，甚至行政都要合併，才算是真正「一」的出現呢？聖經並沒有要求我們達到外表的合一，乃是說要在真道上和對神兒子的認識上同歸於一，這裡說的真道(the faith)乃是指我們的信仰。也就是說，基督身體建造的結果是要我們在信仰上，並且在對神兒子完滿的認識上有「一」的出現。

Spirit”。 Although we can not create this unity, we are able to damage the function of this unity. Therefore, Bible commands us to “be diligent to preserve the unity of Spirit” so that this spiritual reality can be seen among us.

The word “unity” mentioned in Ephesians 4:3 only appeared one other time in the Bible. It was in Ephesians 4:13 “...until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” God has given church all kinds of gifts, such as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, in order to equip saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ. The purpose of building up the church is to reveal the “oneness” of the body of Christ. However, does it mean all various church organizations should hold meetings in the same manner, and all God’s children should interpret Bible the same way? Bible does not demand us to have unity in appearance, but in faith and knowledge of the Son of God. The faith speaks of our belief. That is to say, the finish product of Christ’s building of His church is for all saints to manifest the “oneness” in our faith and the knowledge of the Son of God.

不論我們覺得也好，不覺得也好，我們都已經在這個「一」的事實裡面了。我們需要接受十字架更深拆毀的工作，不為己，專一為主。我們的度量要廣，在主裏接納所有神的兒女，藉著靈裏敞開的交通，而接受基督身體豐富的供應。我們的腳步又必須是窄的，忠於主的託付而竭力地追求，深知所有的得著都是為著基督的身體。我們求主幫助我們活出這個「一」的見證，好顯明神的豐富和榮耀。

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Whether we feel it or not, the fact is that we are in this “oneness”. We need to go through His work in the deeper level so that we will live solely for the Lord, not for ourselves. We need to be willing to fellowship with other saints, and, therefore, receive more abundant provision in the body of Christ. However, at the same time, we need to keep our feet on the Lord’s narrow way and stay loyal to the commission trusted by Him, knowing everything we do is for the body of Christ. Let us pray that the Lord will help us to live out the testimony of unity and manifest God’s glory and fullness.

Sunday Message of brother Timothy Liang