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## Part 2

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God desires for Christians to **get along**.

Unity is vital to the **health** and **witness** of a church.

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

Church members have a **responsibility** to **protect** the unity of the church.

I. We are never to be a **divisive force** in the church.

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

II. **Gossip** destroys the unity of the church.

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

James 3:6

III. **Forgiveness** preserves the unity of the church.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13

Our pledge: Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I will seek to be a source of unity in my church.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_