

# THE CHURCH

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(Gen. 1-3, Acts 17:26, Jn. 17:3, Matt. 22:36-40, Isa. 43:7, Rom. 3:23)

- Every human being is made in the \_\_\_\_\_ and likeness of God.
- Every person on earth belongs to the human race and has the same \_\_\_\_\_.
- Human beings were created by God to know him, love him, and glorify him.
- Human beings were created to live in a diverse, loving community with other people.
- We all have a common enemy - \_\_\_\_\_.
- None of us are without sin.

### The Source of Unity for God's People (Eph. 4:4-6, Eph. 1-6)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is the only solution for our desperate predicament.
- Every Christian knows the ONE true God as Father.
  - We are all a part of his perfect plan.
  - Our Father \_\_\_\_\_ us deeply.
  - Our Father calls us personally.
  - Our Father is the sovereign ruler of the universe.
- The Father's diverse people are ultimately citizens of one kingdom and one \_\_\_\_\_.
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- Every Christian has come to know Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in a personal way.
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- Jesus Christ is our Prince of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus Christ is the Unifier all our hearts long for.
- Jesus Christ has reconciled us to \_\_\_\_\_ and to each other.
- Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone of the holy temple that we are being built into.
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- We are the multi-colored, multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and multi-cultural \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
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- Maintaining the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" will take loving, sacrificial crucifixion of self.
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  - We must be very \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
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