

## **Our Simple Plea For Unity**

The simple plea of this church is the same as the divine plea of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In John 17:20-21, we find Jesus praying for all people who believe on Him through the word of truth to be “one;” united with God, and, therefore, with one another. Jesus identified the sanctifying standard of God’s truth – as it is revealed in God’s word – to be the standard of unity to which believers are to appeal and by which they can be united with God and one another (verse 17). The word of God, therefore, is the only objective standard of truth that identifies true righteousness (cf. Rom. 1:16-17). It is also, therefore, the only objective to standard that identifies sin. Only by respecting God’s will, as it is revealed in His word, and practicing His will, as it is revealed therein, can we be separated from the error of our sin and be united with God and others who have so separated and united themselves (Rom. 6:3-22).

1 Peter 4:11 instructs, *“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God ... that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”*

Please join us in our practice of New Testament Christianity, won’t you?

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