



**Team WCC**  
**February 3, 2008**

**Sermon Notes**

**Team Work**

- Home
- Place of employment
- Community/church

**Unity is not the blindness of our differences, but the celebration of our differences.**

**Psalm 133:1 (New King James Version)**

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**Psalm 133:1-2 (The Message)**

1-2 How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! It's like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard, flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-18 (The Message)**

4-11 God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful:

- wise counsel
- clear understanding
- simple trust
- healing the sick
- miraculous acts
- proclamation
- distinguishing between spirits
- tongues
- interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.

12-13 You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and

action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.

14-18I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. If Foot said, "I'm not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don't belong to this body," would that make it so? If Ear said, "I'm not beautiful like Eye, limpid and expressive; I don't deserve a place on the head," would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it.

### **Those who understand your pain will understand your goals!**

#### **Amos 3:3 (King James Version)**

3Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

#### **Amos 3:3 (The Message)**

3Do two people walk hand in hand if they aren't going to the same place?

### **What you respect will move toward you; what you do not respect will move away from you!**

#### **Matthew 18:19 (New Living Translation)**

19 "I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.

#### **Matthew 18:18-20 (The Message)**

18-20"Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

### **The problems you solve determine the reward you receive!**

#### **Mark 16:20 (New International Version)**

20Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

### **Two are necessary for multiplication.**

#### **1 Corinthians 3:9 (Contemporary English Version)**

9Apollos and I work together for God, and you are God's garden and God's building.

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#### **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (New Living Translation)**

9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

### **What is your Super Bowl?**

- You will only be remembered in life for two things: the problems you solve or the problems you create.
- The proof of love is the willingness to change!
- When you get involved with God's dream He will get involved in your dream.
- Winners are just ex-losers who got mad.
- The proof of a victorious life is joy.