

# "By the Spirit" - Class 4

## The Unity of the Spirit

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“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3 NIV11)

### 1. Pre-Jesus

- a. Phase 1, Oneness Enjoyed: **Genesis 1.26; 2.25**
- b. Phase 2, Oneness Destroyed: **Genesis 11**
- c. Phase 3, Oneness Misemployed

### 2. Jesus

- a. Love, **John 13.34-35**
- b. Oneness, **John 17, John 14.17, 23**

### 3. Early Church

- **Acts 8.14, 11.2, 15.1-2ff**

### 4. Ephesians

- a. References to unity/oneness
  - **Eph. 1:10; 2:14–16, 18; 3:6; 4:4-6, 13; 5:31**
- b. References to the Spirit
  - **Eph. 1:13, 17; 2:18, 22; 3:5, 16; 4:3–4, 30; 5:18–19; 6:17–18**
- c. References to one another / each other / together
  - **Eph. 2:21–22; 3:6; 4:2, 32; 5:19, 21**

### Conclusion

The unity of the Spirit

1. Initiated
2. Relational
3. Strength
4. Action

“until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (**Ephesians 4:13 NIV11**)

- What do each of these points mean for you and your ‘group’?
- How will you adjust the way you live to maintain the unity of the Spirit?