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Bible Study

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**brought to complete unity**

**Having one mind,** so we can can **glorify God tougher**

When we are saved, we are united with Christ and become **part of the family of God** (1 John 3:1). When a family is of one mind, they can **love each other** **well**, and others **take notice**

In 1 Peter 3:8, Peter exhorts believers to “be of one mind” (NKJV). This **unity is important** because all Christians are on the **same team**, especially those in a local body. A team falls apart and loses its aim when it is **not of one mind**. When we treat believers as Christ has called us to, we can be of one mind in what we believe and in our actions to glorify God.

**NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING**

**HEBREWS 10:25 KJV**

25 NOT **FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER**, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS; BUT EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER: AND SO MUCH THE MORE, AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.

**to be like-minded**

To be of one mind is **to be like-minded** or **united in intent** and **purpose**. In His High Priestly Prayer, **Jesus prayed**, “I have given them the **glory that you gave me**, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity” (John 17:22–23). The purpose of Christian unity is that “the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me” (verses 21, 23).

**why being of one mind is important**

Romans 15:5–6 gives another reason **why being of one mind is important**: “May the God of **endurance** and **encouragement** grant you to **live in such harmony** **with one another**, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with **one voice glorify the God** and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (ESV). All believers are called to be of **one mind** so they can **glorify God** in unison and accurately reflect Jesus to the world and extend His offer of salvation (2 Corinthians 5:20).

**How to make your joy complete**

**Philippians 2:2-12**

2 then make my **joy complete** by being like-minded, having the **same love**, being **one in spirit** and of one mind.

3 Do nothing out of **selfish ambition** or **vain conceit**. Rather, in **humility value others above yourselves,**

4 not looking to your **own interests** but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the **same mindset as Christ Jesus**:

**Do not turn to mediums**

**Leviticus 19:31 ESV**

“Do not turn to **mediums** or necromancers; **do not seek them out**, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the Lord your God.

**Galatians 5:16 ESV**

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will **not gratify the desires of the flesh**.

**When the Spirit of truth comes**

**John 16:13 ESV**

**When the Spirit of truth comes**, he will **guide you into all the truth**, for he will **not speak on his own authority**, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

**Paul instructs the church in Rome to not only pursue unity but also humility**

In Romans 12:16, we are not only instructed to “live in harmony with one another,” or, as another translation says, “**be of the same mind** toward one another,” but we are also instructed to “**not be haughty**” nor “**be wise in your own sight**.” Thus, Paul instructs the church in Rome to not only pursue unity but also **humility**

**if two of you agree on earth**

**Matthew 18:19**

“Again I say to you, that **if two of you agree on earth** about anything that they may ask, **it shall be done for them** by My Father who is in heaven.