

# United From The Beginning

*"Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul ..."*  
*Acts 4:32 (New King James Version)*

Our views on \_\_\_\_\_ come from the \_\_\_\_\_ of our country.

## Unity From The Beginning Of The Church

A. Luke's descriptions of the early Christians' unity:

1. Acts 2:41,42 - They continued \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_'s \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, breaking of bread and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Acts 2:44,45 - They were \_\_\_\_\_ and had \_\_\_\_\_ things in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Acts 2:46,47 - The early church was not a gathering of \_\_\_\_\_. They continued \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ accord. Their focus was on \_\_\_\_\_.

B. John 17:20,21 - \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ for unity among His followers. By being \_\_\_\_\_, they would lead the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the God had sent Him.

## Unity From The Beginning Of Time

A. John 17:20,21 - The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father and the Son is another reason for \_\_\_\_\_ to strive toward \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The unity of God manifested in His people:

1. Deuteronomy 6:4 - The fact that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ is a fundamental truth of the Bible.
2. Genesis 1:27 - If we are \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_, should \_\_\_\_\_ be a goal for us?
3. 1 Corinthians 10:17 - As we \_\_\_\_\_ of the one \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_, we remind ourselves that though we are \_\_\_\_\_, we are one \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Ephesians 4:1-3 - To walk \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_, we must work hard to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Ferguson: "Where the will to unity is \_\_\_\_\_, nearly anything can be \_\_\_\_\_."

C. Galatians 3:26-28 - If we were \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_, we are \_\_\_\_\_ one, though we are different.

Ephesians 4:11-13 - Our task as Christ's followers is to make the church \_\_\_\_\_. We are each to \_\_\_\_\_ the body.

Lord: "\_\_\_\_\_ into 'we' and 'they', America is \_\_\_\_\_."

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