

1. The New Testament places a lot of emphasis on the unity of Christians. Why? What implications does this have for our fellowship?

2. What sorts of things can hinder the unity of God's people?

3. How do we square this passage with a professing Christian who is not seeking to live by Scripture, or who doesn't believe part of scripture?

4. What lies at the root of other sorts of disunity? (v3) How do they cause disunity?

5. Paul lists four "Ifs" in v1-2. In what ways are you conscious of these privileges in your life? How can we become more aware of them?

6. What is the connection between them and what follows in v2-4? Why is that a connection?

7. In v2-4 Paul calls them to 3 things: Loving unity of purpose, Humility of opinion, and Balanced service. How do you see these working out in practice?

- **Unity of Purpose**

- **Humility of Opinion**

What is the difference between humility and poor self-image? How do the truths here help those who have a poor self-image?

- **Balanced Service**

How does v4 help us to say "no" to the demands of others without being selfish?

8. If disunity isn't yet a problem, what things must we do to ensure we stay united?