



One Heart, One Mind

FBC Membership

Part 1: A Gospel-Centered Message

A) One heart one mind in ministry... together for His glory

#1 Our Lord desires us to be a functioning member of His body expressed in a local church

1 Corinthians 12:12-20 – ¹² For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ...¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. ...¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ...²⁴ ...But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, ²⁵ that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷ Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.

Romans 12:4 – For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Ephesians 4:16 – from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love

1 Peter 4:10-11 -- As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things

God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

#2 Our Lord desires us to be one heart and one mind in ministry together in unity for His glory

1st – Jesus prays the church be one heart together in unity

John 17:21-22 that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. 22 "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

2nd – The early church modeled a commitment to being one heart

Acts 2:46 And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Acts 4:32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them.

3rd – The Word commands the church be one purposeful heart

Philippians 1:27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Philippians 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Ephesians 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

As a family we have four things in common:

1. Common **salvation**. What God has done for us!
2. Common **statement**. What is our purpose?
3. Common **strategy**. How do we fulfill our purpose?
4. Common **structure**. How do we function together?

B) Our common Salvation

***Matthew 7:21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'*

***Matthew 10:28** do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell*

1) What does NOT make you a Christian

1st – A strong desire, respect for Jesus, a public confession or genuine humility does not make you a Christian

***Mark 10:17** as He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and began asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"*

***Luke 18:18** And a certain ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"*

2nd – External changes, moral goodness, or obeying the 10 commandments does NOT make you a Christian

***Matthew 19:17** And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you*

wish to enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; 19 Honor your father and mother; and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking

NEXT WEEK:
**In the *What We Teach* Document,
 read through the ‘Essential Truths’ and
 FBC’s ‘Doctrinal Statement’**

2) What DOES make you a true Christian?

1st – Admit you are sinful to the core

Matthew 19:20-21 "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven;

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Ecclesiastes 7:20 Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins

Romans 3:10 There is none righteous, not even one.

2nd – Be willing to follow God's will over your own

Matthew 19:21 ...and come, follow Me. 22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who owned much property.

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; BUT as Jesus said in Matthew 10:38 he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

3rd – Cry out to God to save you by forgiving you and changing you from the inside out

Matthew 19:23-26 And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 "And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." 25 And when the disciples heard this, they

1 Corinthians 11:29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

3rd How do we prepare ourselves for the Lord's Supper?

1 Corinthians 11:27-28 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

ONE – Examine YOUR heart

TWO – Maintain OUR unity

Matthew 5:23 If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

THREE – Remember HIS sacrifice

4th When and how often should we observe the Lord's Supper?

Acts 2:42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:46 And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Acts 20:7 And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?" 26 And looking upon them Jesus said to them, [Catch this] "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

1 Thessalonians 1:9 turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God

Acts 3:26 God sent Him to bless you by turning everyone of you from your wicked ways

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God...

3) How do you know you are a true Christian?

Test #1 ~ Jesus Christ lives in you and through you

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you, unless indeed you fail the test?

Romans 6:17 thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed

Test #2 ~ You will confess Christ in front of others

Matthew 10:32 Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Test #3 ~ Your life will dramatically change

<p>C) The outward Symbols of being a Christian</p>

#1 BAPTISM

1st Why should I be baptized?

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

1 Corinthians 1:14-16 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 that no man should say you were baptized in my name. 16 Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

2nd What is the meaning of baptism?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and He rose again.

Colossians 2:12 when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ.

Romans 6:4 we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

3rd Why be baptized by immersion?

Matthew 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water

Acts 8:38-39 then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water

4th Who should be baptized?

Acts 2:41 Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized. . .

Acts 8:13 "Simon himself believed and was baptized . . ."

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News. . . and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

5th When should I be baptized?

Acts 2:41 "Those who believed. . .were baptized. . .that day!"

Acts 8:35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. 36 And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him.

#2 COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper

1st What is the Lord's Supper?

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

25 In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

2nd Who should take the Lord's Supper?

Mark 14:22 And while they were eating, He took some bread, and after a blessing He broke it; and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is My body."