

United in One Spirit
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Pew Bible p. 959
May 8, 2022

I. The Presence of the Holy Spirit (V. 1-3)

- A. Christian unity means we are Spirit-led (V. 2).
- B. Christian unity means we have one confession (V. 3).

II. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit (V. 4-11)

- A. Christian unity does not mean serving ourselves (V. 7).
- B. Christian unity does not mean uniformity (V. 4-6, 8-10).
- C. Christian unity does not mean self-empowerment (V. 11).

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.
2. What is the difference between being led by idols and being led by the Holy Spirit, according to verse 2? Ask willing group members to share about times in their lives when they were led by idols as opposed to their time being led by God.
3. Does the presence of the Holy Spirit mean Christians can say anything they want as long as they say God told them to, according to verse 3? Why?
4. Even though there is one Spirit living in all Christians, does that mean they all do the same thing, according to verses 4-6?
5. What are spiritual gifts meant to do, according to verse 7? Why is that important?
6. What is your spiritual gift? If you need help, ask your group for affirmation on the Spirit's work in you. How have you used your spiritual gifts for the common good? If you're not sure you have ever done so, how do you think you can use them in the future?
7. Pray for our church, that we would be united in one Spirit with one confession, but many gifts. Consider attending our Zoom Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at www.apollobaptist.org to receive the meeting link.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Read James 1-5 – Make a list of affirmative commands (to do something)

May Memory Verses: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV)

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for Vacation Bible School, its preparation, volunteers, and the children that God will bring.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Matthew M. (uncle), Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), and LeRoy H. (wife, Kay)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (health issues), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing/improved health), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovery from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Marge D. (bruised ribs after fall), Margaret J. (recovery from cancer surgery), and Paul W. (degenerative discs in neck)
- Others that you are aware of