



## **The 7 Pillars of a Healthy Church – Part 3**

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### **PILLAR 3: The Power of Unity**

- One of the most under-utilized powers within Christendom is unity.
- Unity does not necessarily mean uniformity.
- A lot of 21<sup>st</sup> Century theology focuses on individuality and personal growth.
- *GSLC* must remain committed to the unity of faith and peace within the body.

#### **I. The Unity in Creation**

*Gen. 1:1,26; John 1:1-2*

- God created the world as Elohim
- Elohim connotes and denotes plurality.
- God worked in partnership in creating the world.

#### **II. The Unity That Brings Change**

*Psalms 133:1*

- Blessings can come through a unified community.
- Unity requires agreement.
- Unity can help to accomplish the impossible.
- A house divided against itself cannot stand.
- Jesus prayed that our unity would model His relationship with God.

*1 Cor. 11:18-22*

*Gen. 11:1-7*

*John 17:20-23*

#### **III. The Unity That Helps In Counsel**

*Prov. 11:14;15:22*

- Unity helps to get people to safety.
- Unity requires reasoning together.
- The Church of Jerusalem would meet for discussion and agreement.

*Acts 13*

#### **IV. The Unity That Brought The Comforter**

*Acts 2:1*

- One of the blessings of Pentecost was that the believers were unified.
- Believers in Acts 1 were temporarily without Christ or the Comforter.
- Their unity brought souls into relationship with Christ.

*Acts 2:42-27*

#### **V. The Unity That Goes Beyond The Cemetery**

*1 Cor. 15:50-58*

- Unity will personify heaven.
- We will be raised in unity.
- God will comfort us beyond the grave as a unified Body.
- Christ will return for a unified Body.

*Rev. 5:11-14*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*



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