

Unbreakable Bond (Ephesians 4:3)

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Unity of the Spirit

Ephesians 4:3 “*eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*” ESV. Take note! The apostle Paul is not saying that, when Ephesian believers live in humility, exercise gentleness and patience towards each other, they will bring unity in the Church.

The unity of the church has already been there, it is called the unity of the Spirit. To live in humility and to exercise



gentleness and patience is the biblical way to maintain it.

Be eager

Eager, as a verb it will read as “to be eager” it is also used in a present tense in the passage, this means that it is a timeless command.

Believers are to be zealous always, to maintain the unity of the Spirit in a bond of peace.



Maintain

The word maintain is used differently; some understand it to mean; getting something that is broken and restoring it to its original state. In the passage, maintain means to keep something in its real sense. To look at this passage and think about outside sources that could in hence unity of the Spirit in the church is not right. The verb maintain has an infinitive mood which means that; everyone in the church

is under obligation to maintain the unity of the Spirit indefinitely. This means, one who fails to keep the unity of the Spirit, that is in the body of Christ the Church, should examine themselves carefully perhaps they are not member of the body of Christ, the Church. *It is everyone's responsibility to keep the unity of the Spirit in its original sense.*

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1Corinthians 3:26 “*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*”

Romans 8:9 “*You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him*”

Paul questions the believers in Corinth if they are informed about a believer body being a temple of God and God's Spirit dwells in them while he assures the Romans that; they are not in the flesh but in the Spirit. He further presents a fact. By definition a fact is “*something that has actual existence*”- Merriam Webster dictionary. It is an existing truth that has a

Biblical support to say that the, the Spirit of God dwells in a believer. How does this fact connect with the unity of the Spirit? If every believer is indwelt by the Spirit of God it means; all the believers despite the number, are indwelt by One Spirit. One Spirit is, the Spirit of God who dwells in all believers.

There is a famous saying that goes like “Birds of the same feathers flock together” we are not united because we have this and that in common but the same Holy Spirit who dwells in you dwells in me in the same way.