

Being One, Part 4:
One in Spirit
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1 CORINTHIANS 12.1-7 (ESV)

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want [to inform you] that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

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⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

INTRODUCTION

- There were many divisions in the Corinthian church and some of them were clearly “concerning spiritual gifts...” (1 Cor 12.1)
- The problem of what they should know (12.1) and the problem of what they did know (12.2): “¹⁹What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.”(1 Cor 10.19-20)

OUTLINE

- The purpose of our unity: the common good
- The nature of our unity: like the Trinity
- The basis of our unity: Jesus as Lord

CONCLUSION

Because God is a diversity in unity (a Trinity), He forms the Church into a diversity in unity that reflects Him.
