

May 13, 2018  
**“United We Stand”**  
**(John 17: 6-19)**

What towering figure in church history became a Christian because of the influence and prayers of his mother? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus loved the \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_ loves her child.

It was important to Christ that the church, his body, remain \_\_\_\_\_ after he was gone.

Like the song says, “*We are one in the Spirit...and they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*” But we have **also** been known by our \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ in most churches is not that bad, but it can happen.

What is it that holds together the body of Christ? What is the source of our unity where it exists?

**#1. – We are united by what we \_\_\_\_\_.**

We believe in \_\_\_\_\_.

We believe that through Jesus Christ and his Holy Spirit we can \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ God.

We gather here each week in the hope that God will make \_\_\_\_\_ known to us!

We are not \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Sometimes there’s conflict in the church, but when the dust settles, there is a common \_\_\_\_\_ that unites everyone who takes upon themselves the name \_\_\_\_\_.

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**#2. – We are also united by our \_\_\_\_\_ for one another and for the One whom we serve.**

The Hell’s Angels’ creed: “*We’re a \_\_\_\_\_. We’re together. We live together, fight together, die together. We stick together.*”

We serve Christ. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives. He is the living \_\_\_\_\_ who works within us.

The test of service in our lives as believers in Him: “*Would it be \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ?*”

**#3. – We are united by our love for those whom we are trying to save – the \_\_\_\_\_ for which Christ died.**

The church can never be satisfied with \_\_\_\_\_ its own existence.

Our calling, as well: We are to \_\_\_\_\_ out our life for the world. We have no other \_\_\_\_\_ as the church of Jesus Christ!

The \_\_\_\_\_ we bring can change any occupation into the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

Whatever our occupation, our one vocation is always to be a \_\_\_\_\_!

We seek to serve Christ in all we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_!

What is it that Christ most wants for us? To be \_\_\_\_\_!

We are \_\_\_\_\_ by our faith, by our love for Christ and by our \_\_\_\_\_ to the world for whom Christ died!

Now, let’s go live out our belief!