

Gospel Unity  
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### Marks of Unity in the Church

#### 1) Accepting anyone and everyone who is in Christ Jesus

*Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. **I went up because of a revelation** and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. Galatians 2:1-2*

***Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in**—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the **truth of the gospel** might be preserved for you. Galatians 2:4-5*

*And from those who seemed to be influential (**what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality**)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. Galatians 2:6*

#### 2) Recognizing we have different callings

*On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the **gospel to the uncircumcised**, just as Peter had been entrusted with the **gospel to the circumcised**. Galatians 2:7*

*and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. Galatians 2:9*

#### 3) Continue to remember the poor

*Only, they asked us to **remember the poor**, the very thing I was eager to do. Galatians 2:10*

#### How We Respond Matters

*but when they came he (Peter) drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "**If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?**" Galatians 2:12b-14*

*I have been **crucified with Christ**. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live **by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20*