



# The Ultimate Apologetic

## PURSUING UNITY

Ephesians 4:1-6



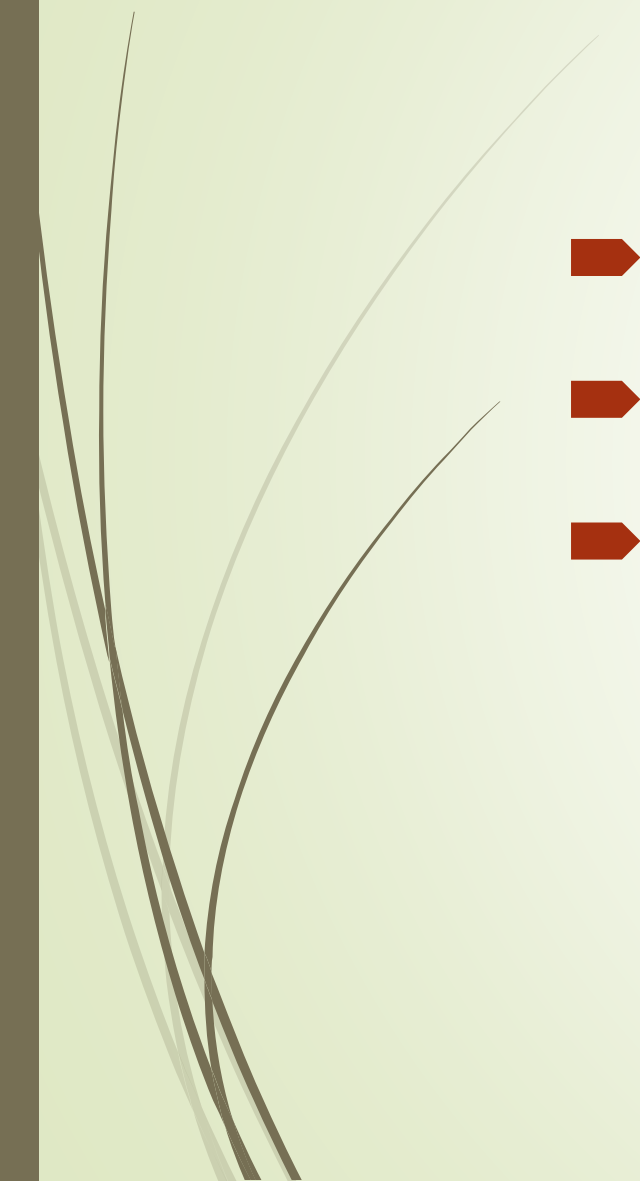
## AN URGENT NEED


May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:23b



# OUR PROBLEM

- We prize individuality.
  - We value autonomy.
  - We don't sublimate self, we exalt it.
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# CAN AN ECLECTIC PEOPLE BE GENUINELY UNITED

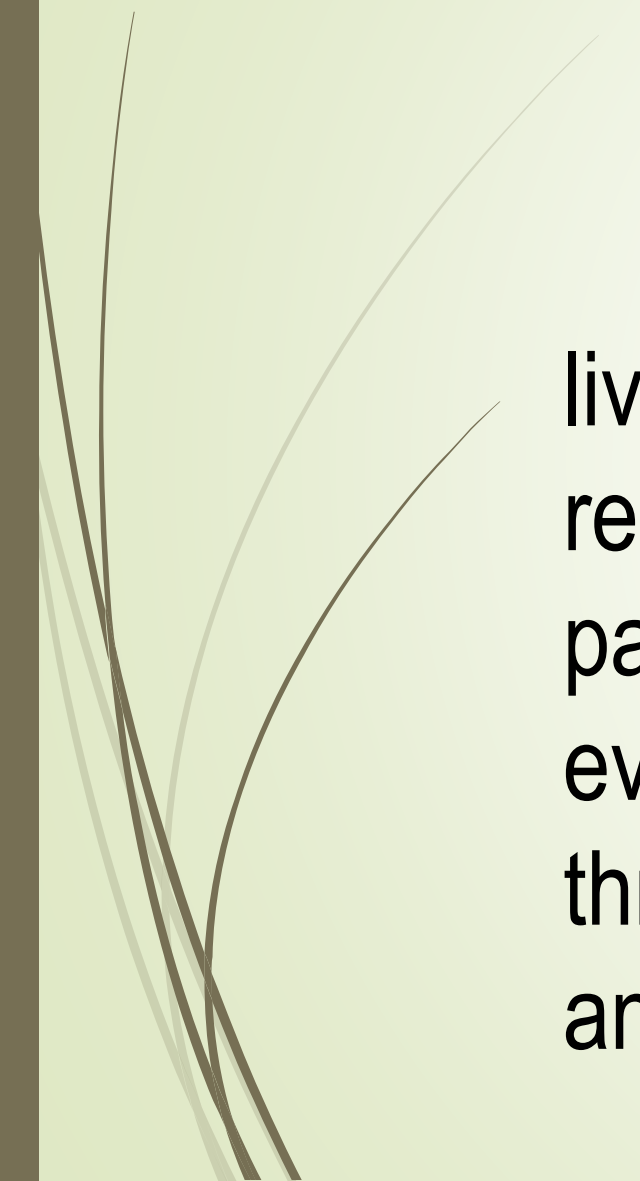
➤ What God requires he enables!





## EPHESIANS 4:1-6

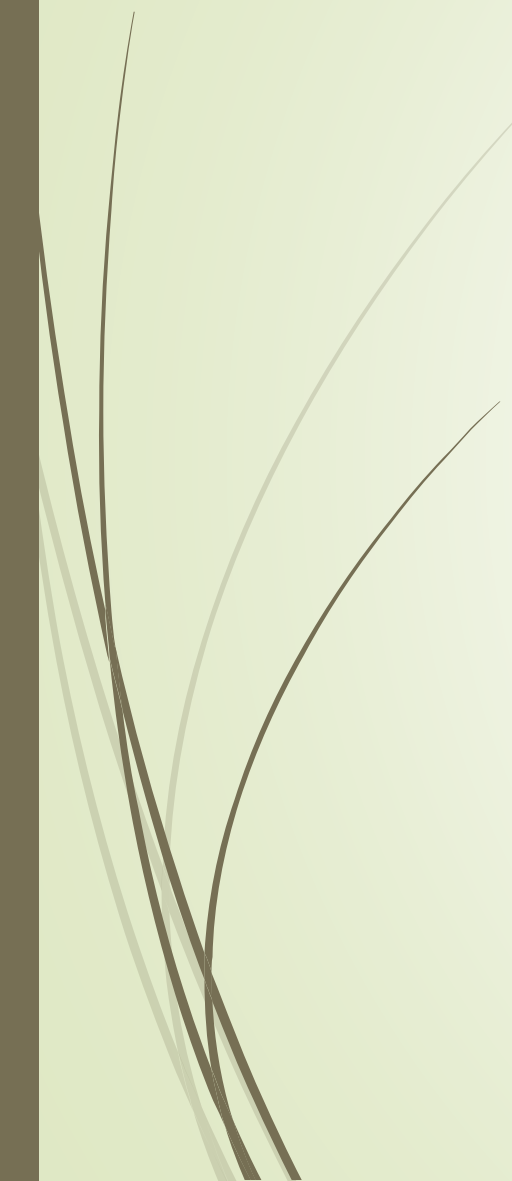
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hope when you were called—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.





# KEYS TO GENUINE UNITY

## 1. A proper goal

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## 2. A proper attitude

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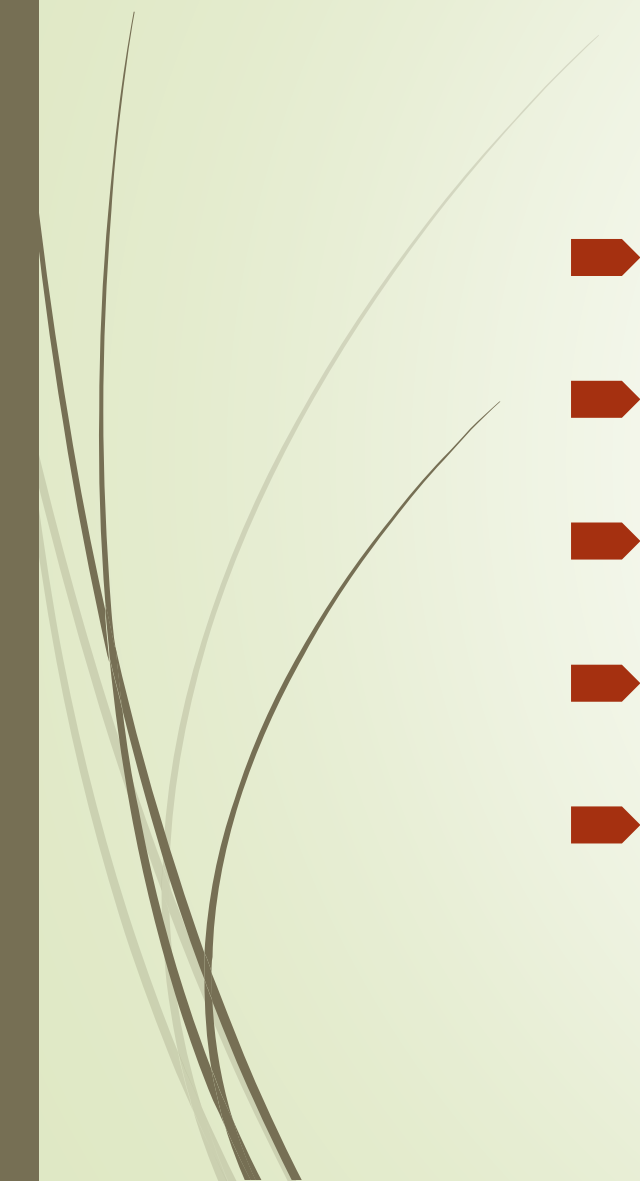
# KEYS TO GENUINE UNITY

## 3. A proper perspective

<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one when you were called— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



# WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON?

- Members of 1 body
  - One Spirit
  - One Hope
  - One Lord
  - One faith
  - One baptism
  - One God and Father
  - One sovereign call that applies to all
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## SUMMARY

In Essentials Unity,  
In Non-Essentials Liberty,  
In All Things Charity

How good and pleasant it is  
when brothers live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1



## SO WHAT?

- What is non-negotiable for you?
  - How can your commitment to unity glorify Christ?
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