

# Unity

## Understanding **Love** and **Hate** in God's Family

1 John 2:3-11; 3:10-18

'Unity' is a Christian term which means a church is **ONE**,  
in **AGREEMENT**, and of the **SAME MIND**

Factors at Play in Church Unity: **LOVE**, **HATE**, and authentically  
**KNOWING** Jesus. 1 John 2:3-6

Authentic **RELATIONSHIP** with Jesus results in **OBEDIENCE**  
Lack of relationship with Jesus will result in **HATRED**  
for God's **FAMILY**

What **BREAKS** Unity: *Hatred*. 1 John 2:9-11, 3:14-15

Hatred in **ANCIENT** language can be different than how  
we use it today. Luke 14:26

Hatred is not only a **FEELING**;  
but considering others **UNWORTHY** of the love we have to offer.

What **BRINGS** Unity: *Love*. 1 John 3:16-18

The 'love' required for God's family is **SELF-GIVING** and **UNCONDITIONAL**. It's being  
there for **EACH OTHER** in  
whatever way we can. 1 Cor. 13: 4-8

God is interested in us **BEING** love for each other,  
not just **FEELING** love. 1 John 3:16-18

What **Keeps** Unity: **KNOWING** and **LOVING** Jesus. 1 John 2:3-6; 3:10

Loving one another is **EVIDENCE** of being Jesus' **DISCIPLES**  
John 13:34-35

We keep unity because we **FIRST** love God,  
and it is what He **COMMANDS**.

Unity is not just God's **DESIRE** for His Church, it's His **DESIGN**.

We avoid being **HATEFUL** by first **LOVING** God and then **BEING** His love to others in  
whatever way we can.

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# **Life Groups are taking a break for the month of June!**

**Therefore, there will be no Life  
Group Questions until Summer  
Groups resume on June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Enjoy the summer break!**