

Moving from

UNITY

- to -

Oneness



Bible Study

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MOVING FROM UNITY TO ONENESS

- Ephesians 4:1-6 - *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³ Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

**You can have ‘Unity’ without ‘Oneness’ –
But you can’t have ‘Oneness’ without ‘Unity’**

‘Oneness’ is the highest degree of ‘Unity’!

MOVING FROM UNITY TO ONENESS

The Major tools we are given to move us from 'Unity' to 'Oneness' are:

- The Word of God (Scriptures)
 - Prayer - An intentional commitment to Corporate and Personal Prayer Life
- ❖ Corporate Prayer aligns us with the priorities of Jesus in fulfilling His Vision for TCOLCC.
- ❖ Personal Prayer Life - A Consistent Prayer Life guided by The Word of God that moves us away from ourselves - *Personal Identity to our Identity in Jesus.*
- **FORGIVENESS is one of the Major results of our commitment to The Word and Prayer. As we forgive each other, 'Oneness' results and leads us to 'Oneness' with Jesus and each other.**

ABIDING IN ONENESS – CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS

**PRAYER AND THE WORD OF GOD ARE THE
PRINCIPLE TOOLS OF
ABIDING IN JESUS AND BECOMING ONE WITH HIM!!!
THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD MAKE THE SACRIFICE TO DO IT!**



ACHIEVING ONENESS IN JESUS

- 2 Peter 1:3 - ³ According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

I. Achieving Oneness in Jesus is a Process

It begins with The Spiritual Assessment of One's Self

- Psalm 139:23-24
- Psalm 51:7; 10
- Psalm 1:1-2

II. Before our Spiritual Assessment

- Psalm 119:67



ACHIEVING ONENESS IN JESUS

III. The Preparations Made For Us By Jesus

- Hebrews 2:14-18

IV. The Process

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

EXAMPLE:

- Luke 17:11-19



HEALING MUST PRECEED WHOLENESS (ONENESS)

ACHIEVING ONENESS IN JESUS



Our role in achieving and abiding in Oneness in Jesus:

- **ALLOW THE WORD TO BE OUR GUIDE**
 - **STUDY * APPLY * PRACTICE**
 - **ALLOW OUR PRAYER LIFE – CORPORATE & PERSONAL TO BE MOLDED BY THE WORD OF GOD**
 - **ALLOW JESUS TO TRANSFORM US IN HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS & FORBEARANCE**
- ***1 Corinthians 8:13 - 13*** Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

ACHIEVING ONENESS IN JESUS

➤ Philippians 2: 1-11 -

April 3, 2024 - Verses 1-5

Achieving 'ONENESS' in/with Jesus

'ONENESS' with Jesus is reflected in us through our ONENESS'
with each other!

In this passage of Scripture - The Holy Ghost is challenging our personal Spiritual assessment and growth.

This Scripture gives us:

1. The basis for our 'ONENESS'.
2. How it is Reflected.
3. How to Achieve it.



From Verse #1:

‘The Consolation’ is the encouragement - The stirring up of our Spiritual Being - that comes through the personal assessment of our ‘ONENESS’ in Jesus based on The Fruit of The Spirit as it is being manifested in/through our life.

When our ‘ONENESS’ in Jesus is in alignment, the result is an overflowing of The Character of Jesus that is lovingly shared with our Sisters and Brothers.

Our ‘ONENESS’ in Jesus flows into our Sisters and Brothers in the form of fellowship and ‘Bowels of Mercies:

****Love *Humility *Forgiveness *Forbearance *Long Suffering***

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



ACHIEVING ONENESS IN JESUS

The Bowels of Mercies involve a peculiar form of Love (Agape) that is reflected through being enjoined in each other's sufferings, compassion, and strengthening.

- St John 13:35 - ³⁵ *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*
- Luke 22:31-32 - ³¹ *And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:*³² *But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

NOTE: COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY GHOST - "ONENESS" IN JESUS IS REFLECTED IN OUR THOUGHTS/WORDS/ACTIONS WHICH FOLLOWS JESUS' EXAMPLE -



From Verse #2:

LISTEN TCOLCC - The Apostle writes to The Church at Philippi saying the the fullness of his joy - The completeness of his joy is that they be 'ONE' in Jesus and that being reflected through their Like-mindedness in Jesus -

- ❖ Reflecting His Love
- ❖ One Accord
- ❖ One Mind

- *No Anniversaries Necessary*
- *No Birthday Celebrations/Gifts Necessary*
- *No Father's Day Gifts Necessary*
- *No Christmas Gifts Necessary*
- *No Pastor's Anniversary Necessary*

'Fulfill ye my joy' - ONENESS with Jesus - Reflected in/through 'ONENESS' with each other!

FROM VERSES # 3 & 4:

HOW OUR 'ONENESS' IS REFLECTED:

In all of our doing/serving, examine our motive - Our motivation - **ALL THE GLORY BELONGS TO JESUS** - Our EMMANUEL - Creator - Redeemer - Savior - Righteousness - Salvation - Provider - Healer - Hope - **HE IS OUR PAST- PRESENT - FUTURE**

The Incarnation, Life, and Death of Jesus are The Greatest examples of Humility and Self Sacrifice:

- *To be manifested as one of us was His Supreme act of condescension*
- *2 Corinthians 8:9 - ⁹ For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*

ACHIEVING ONENESS IN JESUS

In His Incarnation - He is The Word of God manifested as one of us - yet sinless and separate from sinners - in order to save us and to have an eternal relationship with us as His Bride.

His Death was an essential act of God's plan in order that we might be saved from an eternity in hell and become His Bride throughout eternity. This was an act of Absolute Obedience and Unconditional Love unto us!

Let nothing be done with the desire of personal glory, acclaim, recognition, attention or personal gain. Let our total motivation be for the cause and Glory of Jesus - not according to our title(s), position(s), etc. Regarding title(s), position(s), Authority in The Church, in The Church - Esteem EVERYONE above oneself and see thyself as a servant as being a servant to all!

➤ [Matthew 20: 25-28](#)

One of the impacts of Jesus in our lives is humility that is born out of The Love of Jesus. We must be more severe and critical of our own faults and be more forbearing of others - in Love and Prayers!

**HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THIS ONENESS' IN JESUS AND WITH EACH OTHER
FROM VERSE # 5:**

It starts with Christlike Humility. In Jesus, our perfect example, we see -

- ***The Voluntary Humility and Humiliation in His Incarnations and in His suffering/Calvary***

The Mind in Christ Jesus is The Model for us to follow in order to achieve 'ONENESS' in Him and with each other. The mind is the ground soil for us achieving 'ONENESS' In Jesus and with each other. EVERY ATTRIBUTE - EVERY CHARACTER TRAIT - EVERY IOTA OF GOD IS MANIFESTED IN JESUS - FOR US - & UNTO US!! The mind is the foundation from which our attitude is formed. Our attitude towards Jesus determines our 'ONENESS' standing in Jesus.

ACHIEVING ONENESS IN JESUS

1. Embrace our New Identity in Jesus

❖ Pursue/Develop in our New Identity

➤ *II Corinthians 5:17*

❖ Forsake our – “that’s who I am” identity

➤ *Romans 12:1-2*

➤ *Galatians 2:20*

2. Renew our ‘New Mind’ continually

❖ The Word > Study > Apply > Practice

❖ Develop A Consistent Prayer Life - Corporate & Personal

❖ Connect and Develop Relationships with Brethren of like Passion and Commitment to Jesus

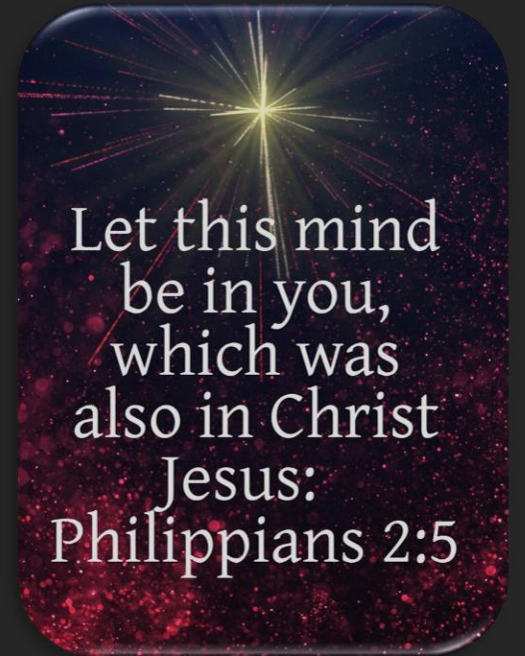
3. Pursue Christlike Humility - Through continuous Repentance > Forgiveness & Forbearance!!!

WALK/LIVE IN STRIVING FOR TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO JESUS – ABIDING!

➤ *II Peter 1:3*

ABIDING IN ONENESS – CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS

- ❑ WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS –
FOR THEY BECOME WORDS!
 - ❑ WATCH YOUR WORDS –
FOR THEY BECOME ACTIONS!
- ❑ WATCH YOUR ACTIONS –
FOR THEY BECOME HABITS!
 - ❑ WATCH YOUR HABITS –
FOR THEY BECOME YOUR CHARACTER!
- ❑ WATCH YOUR CHARACTER –
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY!!!



Psalm 139:23-24 - ²³ Search me, O God...!!!

REFLECTIVE ASSIGNMENT – BEYOND REVIVAL

MORE OF JESUS – LESS OF ME

- **What are my Non-Christlike Traits / Spiritual Weaknesses?**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- How long have I exhibited these traits? What is the root?
- Pray - *“Lord, what must I do to change?” How do I strengthen my weaknesses?*
- How do I know I am maturing & how do I measure my progress?
 - **USE YOUR GPS!**
 - **AS YOU ABIDE IN JESUS, HE WILL ABIDE IN YOU DEVELOPING FRUIT – MORE FRUIT – MUCH FRUIT!**



ABIDING IN ONENESS – CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS

- *II Chronicles 5:1-2; 11-14*

Old Testament ONENESS

- *Acts 2:1-4*

New Testament ONENESS -

Reflected as a condition for The Outpouring of The Holy Ghost

THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR CORPORATE ONENESS

- *St John 17:23*
- *II Corinthians 6:16b* > '.....for ye (Plural) are **THE TEMPLE** (Singular) of The Living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.'



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THE RESULT OF ONENESS

- *II Chronicles 5:11-14*
- *Acts 2:46-47*
- *II Peter 1:3*
- *Nehemiah 4:6*



ABIDING IN ONENESS – CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS

'IT'S ME - IT'S ME - O LORD - STANDING IN THE
NEED OF PRAYER

Hebrews 4:16 - ¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly
unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain
mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*



BEYOND OASIS ABIDING IN ONENESS - HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

1. PRACTICE SELF REFLECTION -

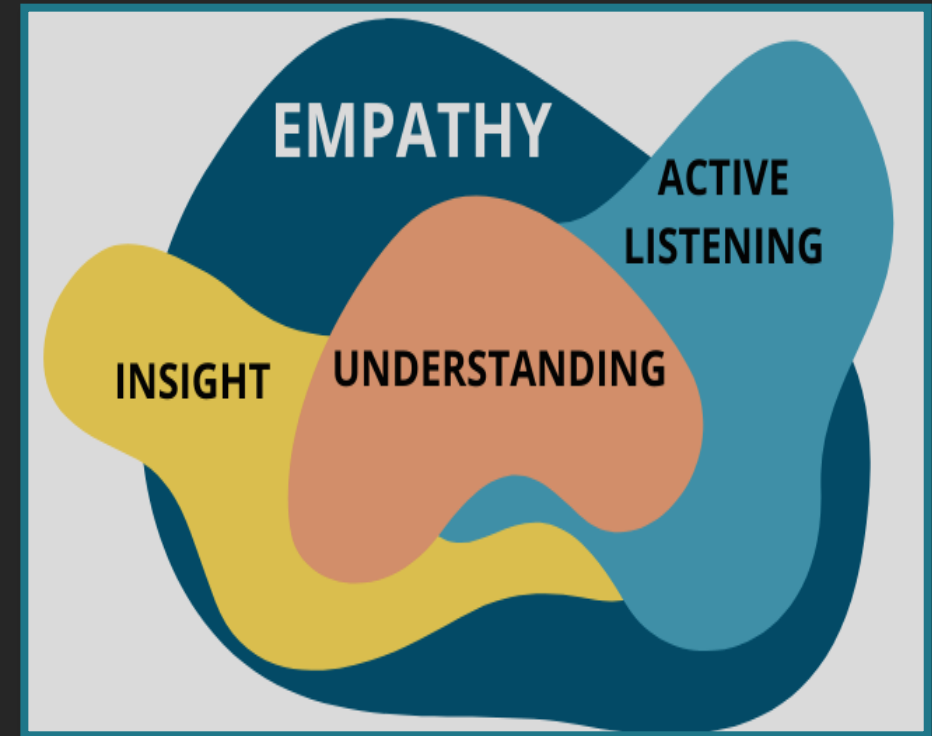
Self-reflection is the practice of taking a step back and examining our own thoughts and actions. By regularly engaging in self-reflection, we can become more aware of our own flaws and shortcomings, which can make it easier for us to forgive others when they make mistakes. When we recognize that we're not perfect, we can extend grace to others who aren't perfect either. Self-reflection can also help us to identify patterns in our behavior that may be causing conflicts with others.

- Psalm 139:23-24 - ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

BEYOND OASIS ABIDING IN ONENESS - HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

2. PRACTICE EMPATHY

Empathy is the ability to put ourselves in someone else's shoes and understand their perspective. Choose to UNDERSTAND BEFORE Choosing to be UNDERSTOOD. When we choose empathy, we're able to see things from the other person's point of view, which can make it easier for us to forgive them when they've wronged us. Empathy helps us to develop compassion and kindness towards others, which are essential qualities for cultivating humility and forgiveness.



BEYOND OASIS ABIDING IN ONENESS - HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

3. LET GO OF GRUDGES

When we hold onto grudges, we're allowing our pride to get in the way of forgiveness. It takes humility to let go of a grudge and extend forgiveness to someone who has wronged us. Holding onto anger and resentment can also have negative effects on our own mental, emotional, and physical well-being. By letting go of grudges, we're able to free ourselves from the burden of bitterness and move forward with a heart of forgiveness.

- Hebrews 12:15 - ¹⁵ *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*



BIBLE IN A YEAR READING GUIDE



For those interested in reading the Bible in a year – in Oneness with TCOLCC, the guide is available on the website and in the office.

Read Monday – Friday and catch up on missed readings during the weekend.

Be intentional about spending time with God!

Week 13 – March 25 – March 29

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Numbers 7-8</i>	<i>Numbers 9-11</i>	<i>Numbers 12-14</i>	<i>Numbers 15-17</i>	<i>Numbers 18-20</i>
<i>Mark 13</i>	<i>Mark 14</i>	<i>Mark 15</i>	<i>Mark 16</i>	<i>Luke 1</i>
<i>Psalm 38</i>	<i>Psalm 39</i>	<i>Psalm 40</i>	<i>Psalm 41</i>	<i>Psalm 42</i>

Week 14 – April 1 – April 5

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Numbers 21-23</i>	<i>Numbers 24-26</i>	<i>Numbers 27-29</i>	<i>Numbers 30-32</i>	<i>Numbers 33-36</i>
<i>Luke 2</i>	<i>Luke 3</i>	<i>Luke 4</i>	<i>Luke 5</i>	<i>Luke 6</i>
<i>Psalm 43</i>	<i>Psalm 44</i>	<i>Psalm 45</i>	<i>Psalm 46</i>	<i>Psalm 47</i>

Week 15 – April 8 – April 12

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Deuteronomy 1-3</i>	<i>Deut. 4-6</i>	<i>Deut. 7-9</i>	<i>Deut. 10-12</i>	<i>Deut. 13-15</i>
<i>Luke 7</i>	<i>Luke 8</i>	<i>Luke 9</i>	<i>Luke 10</i>	<i>Luke 11</i>
<i>Psalm 48</i>	<i>Psalm 49</i>	<i>Psalm 50</i>	<i>Psalm 51</i>	<i>Psalm 52</i>

Week 16 – April 15 – April 19

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Deut. 16-18</i>	<i>Deut. 19-21</i>	<i>Deut. 22-24</i>	<i>Deut. 25-27</i>	<i>Deut. 28-29</i>
<i>Luke 12</i>	<i>Luke 13</i>	<i>Luke 14</i>	<i>Luke 15</i>	<i>Luke 16</i>
<i>Psalm 53</i>	<i>Psalm 54</i>	<i>Psalm 55</i>	<i>Psalm 56</i>	<i>Psalm 57</i>