

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.**

THE IMPORTANCE OF ONENESS IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

RIGHTEOUSNESS

SANCTIFIER

PEACE

PROVIDER

CREATOR

REDEEMER

SAVIOR

HEALER



HE IS OUR EVERYTHING!!

Beyond OASIS...

Abiding in ONENESS

Continuing the Work of Jesus

BIBLE STUDY – From OASIS to Oneness
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

ABIDING IN ONENESS – CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS

Romans 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We are not opposed to offering ourselves partially to Jesus for His Service and to Fulfill His Purpose in our lives -

- A Little of our time***
- A Little of our Money***
- A Little if our Service***

BUT -

Why would a rational/natural person give EVERYTHING to Jesus?

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The key to unlocking ONENESS in Jesus is based on our own total and unconditional surrender to His Will .

THIS IS NOT EASY - WE NEED JESUS!

In our passage - Scripture is challenging us -

I. WHAT DOES IT SAY

➤ **Romans 12:1-2**

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN

What is The Kind of Service/Worship That is Asked of us -

- ✓ **A Living Sacrifice (Vs The OT Dead Sacrifice)**
- ✓ **Our Bodily Sacrifice**
 - **The Mind * Total Body**
 - **Holy - Consecrated (Can't be divided/Off & On)**
 - **Body - Soul - Spirit**



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!**



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IF WE DO THIS – THEN OUR SACRIFICE IS PLEASING TO JESUS!

WHY -

- ✓ We become ONE with Him
- ✓ His Purpose / His Will
- ✓ Our Identity is lost in Him

I SURRENDER ALL TO THEE!!!

III. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME

a) *What Jesus has already done for us (Romans 1-11)*

- Sin had left man with NO MEANS & NO DESIRE to save ourselves.
- Instead of leaving us there - God was manifested as one of us in order to save us & even more - to elevate us above everything He had ever created - including The Angels, to give us an eternal relationship with Him - inseparable and ONE with Him as His Bride -



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IN OTHER WORDS - God in Christ - DETERMINED OF HIS OWN DETERMINANT COUNSEL - THAT HE WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT US!!

- **Isn't it reasonable to give ourselves totally, sacrificially to Jesus when we consider He has given Himself **TOTALLY - UNRESERVEDLY - SACRIFICIALLY** to us!**
- **Not only what He has already done - but - **HERE & NOW** - What He is doing in our Sanctification Process - bringing us to His expected end - **ONENESS WITH HIM!****
- **He has made us partakers of His Divine Nature so that He - as The Holy Ghost - would be our empowerment of **ALL** that He has required of us in doing His Biddings in Kingdom Building in the earth (Phil 2:13)**



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- *1 Peter 5:10*
- *Genesis 41:52*
- *Philippians 1:6*

b) Total Surrender in Service is God's Will for us - His Will is Good - Acceptable - and Perfect (vs#2)

WHAT JESUS WANTS FOR US IN THE MOST COMPLETE STATEMENT IS TO BE - ONE WITH HIM!!

- *Romans 8:29*

c) Jesus is Worthy of our Total Surrender - ONENESS WITH HIM!

- *Revelation 4:11* - *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*



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➤ Revelation 5:11-12- *And I beheld, and heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was then thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

- **THAT'S THE TESTIMONY OF THE HEAVENLY HOST**
- **THAT'S THE TESTIMONY OF THE REDEEMED!**

The Problem is we sing it - say it on Sundays or in Congressional settings - He is Worthy - but we really don't believe it because we leave such settings and go out and live for ourselves (our own Identity)! We undermine - make null and void - our testimony!

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d) *Finally – it's meaningful to us because ONLY WHAT WE DO FOR CHRIST WILL LAST!!!*

This present Heaven and earth will Pass away –

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (1 John 2:16-17)

IS HE NOT WORTHY OF OUR BEST???

IS HE WORTHY OF OUR TOTAL SURRENDER!

ONENESS IS WHAT JESUS IS CALLING US TO!!!

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE?



BEYOND OASIS ABIDING IN ONENESS - HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

The Role of Humility in Abiding

- The Role of Humility (Meekness) is a component of The Fruit of The Spirit. We are instructed in Scripture;
 - *1 Peter 5:6 - Humble yourselves therefore under The Mighty Hand of God that He may exalt you in due time.*
 - *James 4:10 - Humble yourselves in The Sight of The Lord, and He shall lift you up.*

As we humble ourselves before Jesus, we are then better able to surrender our lives to Him - and becoming ONE with Him, being aligned with His Will. This in turn, transforms us into that vertical humility with Jesus - enabling us to relate in humility with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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The Role of Humility in Abiding

- Philippians 2:13 - ¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

This humility is also a part our witness to the unsaved. Humility - putting others before ourselves - manifesting and reflecting The Love of Jesus - helps to build relationships with others and deepens our ABIDING in Jesus and ONENESS. - **THIS IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH!**

Humility is a vital aspect of ABIDING in Jesus - and ONENESS, which leads us more readily to Repentance and Forgiveness.

- ❖ **Jesus - First**
- ❖ **Others - second**
- ❖ **YOU - Last**



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(Jesus then makes us His Priority)

- Matthew 6:33 - ³³ *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

The Role of Humility in Abiding

Achieving ONENESS in the Church of Jesus Christ –

- Philippians 2:2-5- ² *then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.* ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ *not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.* ⁵ *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

BEYOND OASIS ABIDING IN ONENESS - HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

Biblical Humility is born out of our attitude –

- WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS JESUS?
 - That determines your attitude / thoughts / words actions towards each other.

CONNECTING HUMILITY TO FORGIVENESS

How To Cultivate and Develop Humility:

- Study The Word of God - Study + Apply + Practice
- Prayer - that is shaped and molded by The Word
- Service - serving others is a practical to develop Humility.

When we serve others, we are putting their needs before our own.

- *II Corinthians 7:10* - ¹⁰ *For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*

BEYOND OASIS ABIDING IN ONENESS - HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HUMILITY AND FORGIVENESS

Humility and forgiveness are closely intertwined, as true forgiveness requires humility. Humility allows us to recognize our own faults and weaknesses, making it easier for us to forgive others when they fall short. Without humility, we are prone to be too proud to forgive, or we may hold onto anger and resentment for far too long.

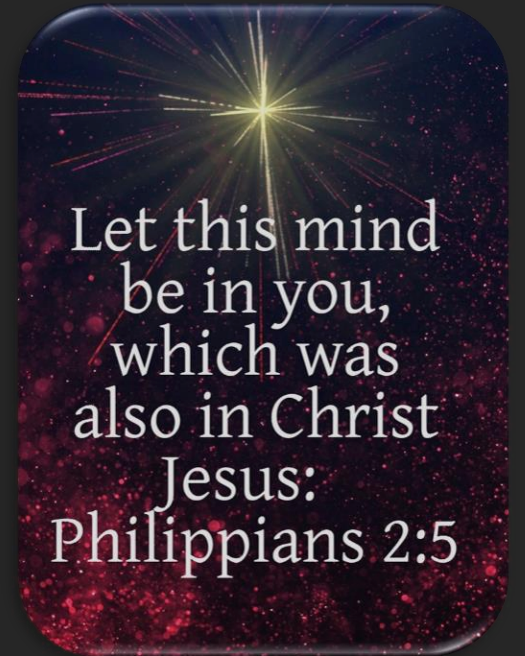
If we want to cultivate a heart of forgiveness, it's essential that we develop a sense of humility. Here are three practices that may help us with Humility and Forgiveness:

- 1. Practice Self Reflection***
- 2. Practice Empathy***
- 3. Let Go of Grudges***



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...!!!

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- *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.*



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!**



BEYOND OASIS ABIDING IN ONENESS - HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

1. PRACTICE SELF REFLECTION -

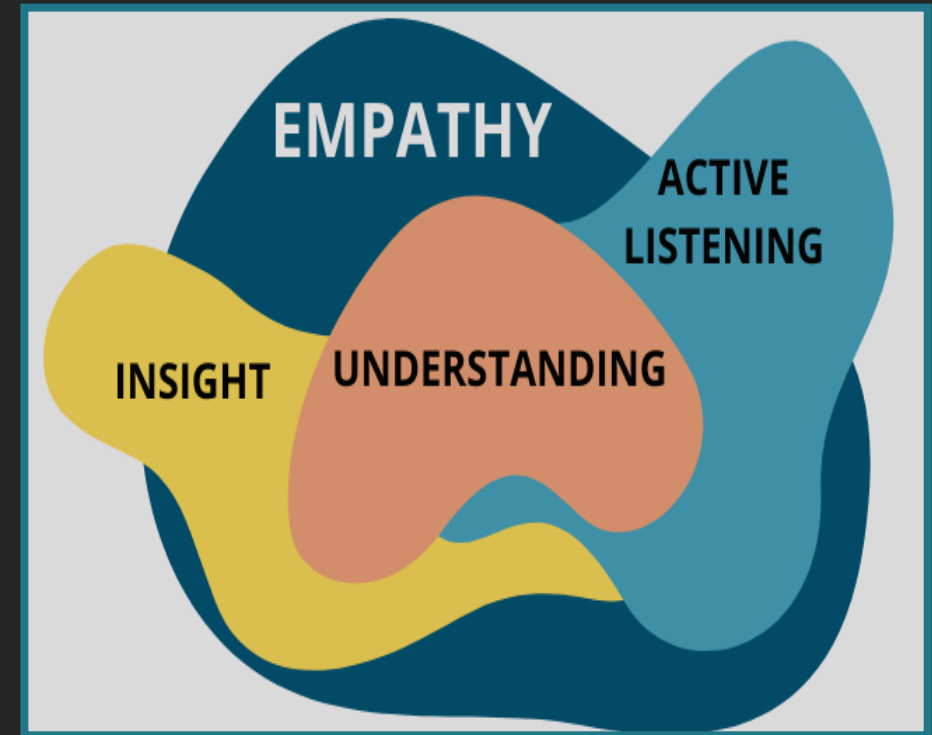
Self-reflection is the practice of taking a step back and examining our own thoughts and actions. By regularly engaging in self-reflection, we can become more aware of our own flaws and shortcomings, which can make it easier for us to forgive others when they make mistakes. When we recognize that we're 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.



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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 9 – February 26 – March 1

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 10 – March 4 – March 8

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 11 – March 11 – March 15

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 12 – March 18 – March 22

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>