



UNITY: THE FORGOTTEN TREASURE

ETC Course Handout - Lesson 24

Forging Our Next Steps Towards Unity

Course Section	Section 3 - A Unifying Analysis of Our Doctrines
Book Connection	Chapter 21 - Forging the Next Steps
Lesson Aim	Move from understanding unity to a sequence of practical actions that exalt Christ, rebuild relationships, and encourage broader cooperation.

Key Scriptures

John 15:1-5; Colossians 1:18; Romans 15:5-6; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

1. Wave 1: Exalt and Follow Christ

- Every movement toward unity begins by restoring Christ as Head and deepening personal loyalty to Him.
- Abiding in Christ keeps unity from becoming merely organizational.

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2. Wave 2: Humbly Regroup

- Pride, bitterness, and broken relationships must be addressed.
- Humility makes room for reconciliation, shared Scripture, prayer, and renewed fellowship.

Notes:

THINK ABOUT IT

Which wave needs the most attention in your present setting: exalting Christ, humbly regrouping, or taking a bold cooperative step?

3. Wave 3: Implement Bold Initiatives

- Once Christ is central and relationships are being healed, churches and leaders can attempt larger expressions of cooperation and common mission.

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4. The Order Matters

- Structures cannot produce spiritual unity by themselves.
- The sequence moves from Christ, to humbled relationships, to wider initiatives.

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5. From Theory to Movement

- Students are asked to identify concrete next steps in their own relationships, churches, and ministry networks.

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Study & Application

Use these after the lesson and related book reading. The complete chapter study-question set remains in the textbook.

1. What are the three waves that accompany movements of unity, and why does the order matter?

2. Do you practically embrace Christ as Head of your life, church, and the whole body? What evidence supports your answer?

3. Is there anyone with whom pride, bitterness, or misunderstanding requires reconciliation?

4. What is one realistic unity initiative that could follow renewed Christ-centered relationships?

KEY TAKEAWAY: Durable unity moves outward in order: exalt Christ, humble ourselves in relationship, then take courageous steps together.

Next: Complete the 7-question Lesson 24 online quiz.