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HAPPY SABBATH!



*Love, Liberty and
the Pursuit of Unity*



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"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

Rupertus Meldenius, seventeenth-century Lutheran theologian,

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In Essentials Unity:

Ephesians 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Romans 15:5-6 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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In Essentials Unity:

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

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In Essentials Unity: Unity in Christ

Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**"

1 Corinthians 12:12-13: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: **so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,** whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink **into one Spirit.**"

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In Essentials Unity: The Gospel of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:3-4: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

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In Essentials Unity: The Lordship of Christ

Philippians 2:9-11: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Romans 10:9: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."



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In Essentials Unity: The Authority of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Psalms 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

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In Essentials Unity: The Authority of Scripture

John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

1 Corinthians 13:13: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

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In Essentials Unity: The Resurrection

John 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

1 Corinthians 15:12-14: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."



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In Essentials Unity: The Resurrection

Acts 4:2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 17:31-32 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter*.

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Non-Essentials Liberty:

Romans 14:2-3 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

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Non-Essentials Liberty:

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us *there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

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Non-Essentials Liberty:

1 Corinthians 8:7-9 Howbeit *there is* not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat *it* as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

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Non-Essentials Liberty:

1 Corinthians 8:10-13 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

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Non-Essentials Liberty:

Romans 14:5-6 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard *it*. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

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Non-Essentials Liberty:

Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. **Romans 14:13:** "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."

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Non-Essentials Liberty:

Romans 14:22: "Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth."

1 Corinthians 10:23-24: "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth."

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Non-Essentials Liberty:

Galatians 5:1: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Galatians 5:13: "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

Colossians 2:16: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days."

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In All Things Charity (Love):

1 Corinthians 16:14: "Do everything in love."

Colossians 3:14: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

1 Peter 4:8: "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

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In All Things Charity (Love):

Ephesians 4:2: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Romans 12:10: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

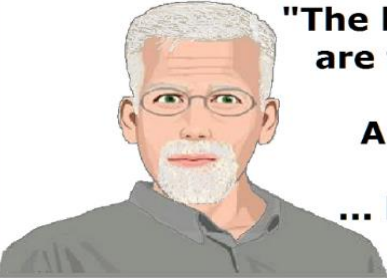
1 John 4:7: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."



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THANK YOU!



"The bible makes it clear that there are two essentials of the gospel
 1.) **BELIEVING IT**
 AND
 2.) **BEHAVING IT**
 ... but then I repeat myself"
 - SabbathMan7 (Ken Hoeck)

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