

## The Unity that We Seek As a Community of Faith

4<sup>th</sup> in the series *Growing a Healthy Church*

John 17:20-21; Acts 2:44-47; Psalm 133; Ephesians 4:11-13

*A Healthy Church fulfills its unique role with one common purpose, just like many different parts of your body working together.*

#1 - Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ exists when believers are unified in purpose.

John 17: 20-21

#2 - Together-ness \_\_\_\_\_ fruit that remains.

Acts 2:42-47

### Results of togetherness

a) Studying \_\_\_\_\_ and experiencing fellowship (42a)

b) Taking \_\_\_\_\_ joyously (42b)

c) The Holy Spirit was moving \_\_\_\_\_ (43)

d) Caring and supporting each other with material and financial means (44-45)

e) Collectively spending time in \_\_\_\_\_ (46)

f) Positive \_\_\_\_\_ to unbelievers (47a)

g) . People coming to faith in Christ (47b)

#3 - \_\_\_\_\_ is displayed when believers are cohesive.

Psalm 133

... *when brothers live together in unity...*

a. God pours out his blessings when believers are united.

... *when brothers live together in unity...*

b. God dispenses his blessings when unity characterizes believers.

#4 – All of us minister in \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Christ

Those with leadership gifts train and prepare the saints to serve (4:12a).

The goal is that the entire body will grow to unity, maturity, and Christ-likeness (4:12b-13).

### Thought

Henry Varley, English evangelist, when speaking to Dwight L Moody: “The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him. By God’s help, I aim to be that man.”

### Discussion Questions

1. Why is unity vital for a church? For our personal lives?
2. From a scale of 1-7, 1 being the highest, what Together-ness best represents HCCC? How about in your own life? Why? How can we improve on the lower points?
3. How is Henry Varley’s quote ring true in the lives of totally committed followers of Jesus?