# UNITY IS HARD WORK!

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**Main idea:** Bringing a congregation to full unity in Christ and in ministry is tough work. In recent years, through the rise of polarized viewpoints, exacerbated by social media, many believe that division runs so deep that even the Church has suffered its effects. Yet, division in the Church and in churches is nothing new. In fact, the Apostle Paul directly addresses the issue with the words we will dig into, presenting us with the great gospel antidote to division, and urging us into unity in faith and mission with one another. We will present on Ephesians 4:1-16 as we pursue unity: first in Christ, and then in mission.

* 1. Introduction: What’s the problem?
  2. Individual unity with Christ is hard work! (Ephesians 4:1-6, focus on v.3)
  3. Corporate unity as a body of believers is hard work (Ephesians 4:7-13, focus on v.11-12)
  4. Call to action into maturity is hard work! (Ephesians 4:14-16, focus on v.15)
  5. Conclusion: The power and purpose of unity in the church