

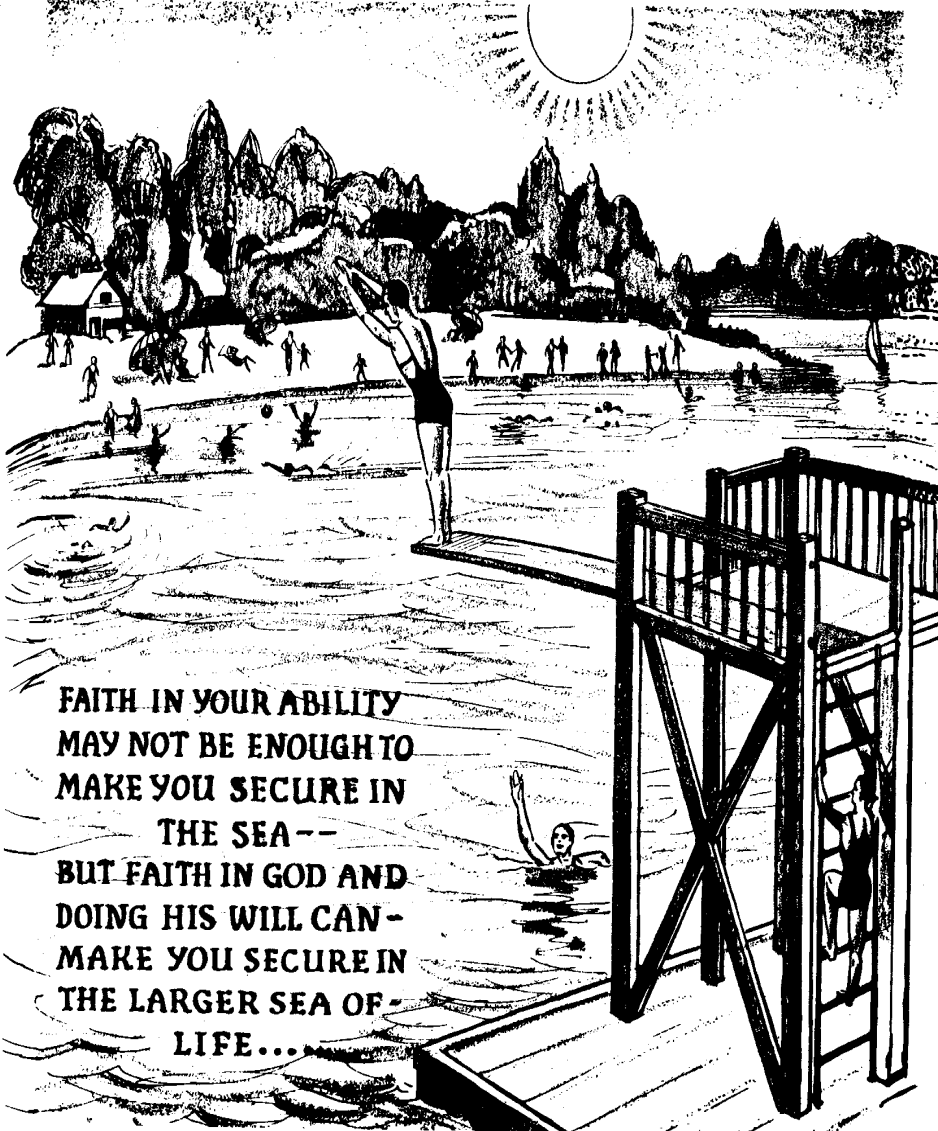
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**FAITH IN YOUR ABILITY
MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TO
MAKE YOU SECURE IN
THE SEA--
BUT FAITH IN GOD AND
DOING HIS WILL CAN-
MAKE YOU SECURE IN
THE LARGER SEA OF
LIFE...**

THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTER INC.

Crusader is back!!



IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE
THE LAST ISSUE OF THE CRUSADER HAS BEEN
SENT OUT. THE LORD HAS OPENED A DOOR THAT
WE AGAIN MAY PUBLISH THE CRUSADER. AND THAT
IT MAY BE A BLESSING AND MINISTER THE WORD
OF GOD.....

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The Seven Unities That Will
Mature The Church
Eph.4:1-16
By Dr. Albert Grimes

In these days there has been much effort put forth in regards to unity. But still there remains in the United States Two Hundred and Fifty Denominations and more coming into existence.

The main principle of this effort of unity centers around the fact of just fellowshiping around Christ. They claim that it does not matter what we believe or what we are in a Denominational sense. This is the type of unity that has always been attempted but it is a type of unity that allows the principles of division to remain, and become stronger.

All these efforts towards unity, while maintaining our divisions will never accomplish the unity of the Church as described in Eph.4:1-16.

Before we deal with the seven unities that will unite the Church, it is necessary to look at another problem which we as believers have in the Church. The problem of nationality and culture.

As believers we should in the church among ourselves as believers, have no nationality and no cultures. We are Christians, and the scriptures are very plain in regards to these things.

The Jew and the Gentiles are one in Christ. Eph.2:14 "For He is our peace who hath made both one," that is Jew and Gentile.

This oneness is further described in Gal.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."

The individual differences between Jews and Greeks, between slave and free, between male and female, are merged into a higher unity in Christ.

Among our own people who are not saved, we may to some degree, have to maintain nationality and culture. But we must not in the Church for this is a barrier to unity.

This principle we must understand: we minister as one to the Body of Christ.

In the Christian Training Center we have not just formed another division in the Body, but we have set ourselves into an educational Institute to minister to the whole Body of Christ. We want to try and produce a message that will help to bring all groups into a scriptural unity.

Our message is to the whole Body of Christ. The Chapter which speaks of these seven unities is Eph. 4:1-16. We will relate these seven unities in their order in the Chapter.

1. The Unity of the Spirit: vs.1-3
2. The seven unities of Foundational Truth: vs.4-6
3. The unity of Ministries: vs.11
4. The unity of purpose for those Ministries: vs.12
5. The unity of the Faith: vs.13
6. The unity of doctrine: vs.14,15
7. The unity of operation in the Body of Christ of those ministries: vs.16

1. The Unity of the Spirit:

This principle of keeping the unity if the Spirit relates to walking as is described. This will allow the Holy Spirit to work through us in a oneness of purpose which will produce the unity of the Spirit, because He will be working in our lives without human interference. If the Holy Spirit is allowed to walk in us as He desires, this will produce His unity.

How it is brought about is described in vs.1 "Walk worthy of the vocation (divine summons unto Salvation) to which ye are called." The word "walk" relates to: to conducting oneself, to order one's behavior. "Worthy" is in a manner worthy of, or in other words, Paul exhorts these saints to see to it that their Christian experience, the Christian life they live, should weigh as much as the profession of Christianity which they make.

They are to see to it that they practise what they preach. That their experience measures up to their standing in grace.

The "calling" refers to the divine summons unto Salvation, which God gives the sinner, through which he is made willing to accept the Salvation offered. It speaks of that effectual call into Salvation which God in sovereign grace extends to a sinner.

These sinners were called unto Salvation and made saints. They are to be obedient to that heavenly calling or summons to be saints and live as saints should.

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The principles that make us live worthy of our calling are put forth in verse 2, "with all lowliness". This relates to a lowliness that comes from a true estimate of ourselves, a deep sense of our own smallness, and inability without God. "And meekness". It refers to a grace in us which allows us to accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing. This meekness before God is also such in the face of man. "With longsuffering". The word relates to the principle of expressing patience with respect of persons.

The man who is longsuffering is he, who having suffered at the hands of injurious persons, does not allow himself to be stirred up by them, and blaze up in anger, and continue in that state. This is related to in II Tim. 1:2, "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine".

In this verse, longsuffering relates to the man who is patient and one who under a great siege of trials bears up and does not lose courage.

"Forbearing one another in love". We are to bear with one another in love. It is a love that the Holy Spirit produces in the heart of the yielded believer.

That we are to be patient with each other, as misunderstandings arise; as cutting words are said, as unkind actions are done; wait in patience for their restoration as we pray for them.

The love shown at Calvary was a forgiving love, and ours should be the same. Yet we must deal with error; we must discipline; yet it can be done as described. For we must not do these things in bitterness, because it will produce as much harm to us, as to those we deal with.

Verse 3, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". This speaks of a determined effort, "to take care of", "make haste", "do ones best to", or to keep by guarding something which is ones possession. This is the unity of the Spirit as described, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering.

Yet we can not condone evil, or sin or disobedience, or false doctrine, in order to maintain what some call the unity of the Spirit, false unity at any cost.

6.

"In the bond of peace". The word bond refers to that which binds together. Peace is the binding factor which will preserve the unity which the Spirit produces.

If we are careful to maintain all that verse 2 relates to; the unity therefore which is wrought among believers by the Spirit of God will be kept.

Then the peace which is the binding together of all; the bond in which we walk. Thus the unity of the Spirit is maintained in the bond of peace.

It's this first principle of unity, that the devil tries to disrupt and if he succeeds, all the other areas will never be kept, or brought forth.

THE SEVEN UNITIES OF FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

Verses 4-6, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all".

The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, is related to these seven unities which we must believe. So there are seven unities of foundational truth, to be kept after we keep the unity of the Spirit.

1. There is only one Body: one Church, no matter what claims are made, and no excuse can be made for denominational sects, which divide it, it is still one Church. And believers must hold to this principle of unity. There is no unity in division. Unity comes in regard to the Church, when we believe, in one Church, seeing over and beyond the divisions which divide it; unity of one church.

2. The one Spirit; is the Holy Spirit which indwells, and works through believers, producing in them when ever possible the same unity of purpose throughout the entire church. The Holy Spirit is not then responsible for manmade, or devil made divisions, or doctrines. It's the Holy Spirit's work on earth to produce one church. The more believers come under the control of the one Holy Spirit, the more unity will come forth unity of purpose.

3. One hope of your calling; this refers to God's call to salvation, and all it includes in a completed salvation it will bring us all finally to the same destination; unity of destination.

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4. One Lord; this term relates to the Lord as being supreme, in authority, the master, the one who through whom, our salvation came, the one who is supreme in our lives, to whom we all belong, and whom is our master: unity of Lordship.

5. One Faith: The word is not related to a system of doctrine. It relates to the principle of faith by means of which all saints enter into salvation: unity of faith. It is all the same faith.

6. One Baptism: this does not relate to water baptism as are "one placing into" relating to the work of the Holy Spirit as He baptizes us into the Body of Christ as in I Cor. 12:13, "For by one spirit, were we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews, or Greeks, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one spirit".

This baptism, does not refer to the Baptism in the Spirit as in Acts 2:4. This baptism refers to receiving power as in Acts 1:8. I Cor. 12:13 relates to Acts 2:47, "Praising God and having favour with the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved".

The Baptism in the Spirit is an individual experience which is evidenced by the speaking in tongues, which experience all believers do not have. If the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is related to in Eph. 4:5, then there are many who are not yet in the Church.

7. One God: the word one is a compound word, where more than one person becomes one, as in the Godhead. There are three distinct persons, but one God. This oneness is related to in Gen. 2:24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father, and mother: and cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh", oneness in marriage relationship. I Cor. 12:13, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body", our oneness in the body.

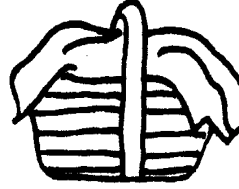
This God is the supreme deity, the only God, and He is the Father of all, this Fatherhood relates to those who are His sons by birth, or divine election. (To be continued)

Preach the Word with Holy fervor, leave the miracle
to Him!!!

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THE CRUSADER'S BREAD BASKET

By Dr. Edith R. Grimes



"Spiritual Vitality"

Read: Eph. 5:1-20

Verse for the month: Vs. 18,19 "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled (stimulated) with the Spirit. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

In these days we hear a lot about vitamins. It seems that people need them. Perhaps it is because they do not eat the proper food or all the true food value has been taken out of it. There is a deficiency and they need a substitute.

Christians today need spiritual vitality. Many churches are becoming formal and modernistic and there is no true spiritual life nor food.

How can we get Spiritual Vitality? It is not by putting on better programs in our churches, having more and better singers, better musicians and more popular speakers.

It is getting down before God, humbling ourselves and repenting of sin or waywardness that is hindering our fellowship with God. Then worshipping the Lord. Tell Him that you love Him! How long is it since you really told the Lord that you love Him? It should be the first thing you do each morning as you are awaking. Just breathe a prayer to the Lord and tell Him how much you really love Him, and how glad you are that He chose you to be His child. Your day will go better and you will find it easier to cast your cares on Him throughout the day.

Do you have that continuous singing and worship going on in your heart and soul all day? Inside you are continually singing choruses, hymns and psalms, and worshipping the Lord. If you work where there is a bad atmosphere you make your own inside you and the outside will not be able to effect you so much.

What are Spiritual Songs? Singing in Tongues. Remember the Holy Spirit within you knows God and how best to worship Him. Then if we pray in tongues that is the highest type of worship we can give the Lord.

Praying in the Spirit charges our "Spiritual Battery" and is truly the "Spiritual Vitamins" we need along with plenty of the Word.

Remember that they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength and power. They shall run and not be weary and walk and not faint or become tired (Isa. 40:31). They shall mount up with wings as eagles—that means you will fly above the cares and circumstances of life. Living in God's clean fresh air, praising and worshipping Him, leaving all the cares to Him.

Tell the Lord you love Him, worship Him! Practise His presence with you at all times! Release the Holy Spirit within you and you will truly have "Spiritual Vitality".

The Supernatural experience
of the Christian is seen in
his attitude toward God.

It is wrought in him by the
Spirit of God, and that by
means of the Word of God.

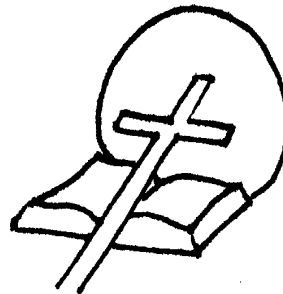
By the Word He
quickens.

By that Word He
produces conviction of sin.

By that Word He
Sanctifies.

By that Word He
gives assurance.

By that Word He
makes the Saint grow.



A.W. Pink

NEWS

On July 2-5

"The Testimony of Christ Mission"

A

Full Gospel Chinese Camp

To Be Held At

The University Campus in Redlands, CA

Has Invited

Dr. Albert Grimes to Speak

For Four Mornings On

"Gifts and Ministries"

(There are about 500 in the group)

In The Afternoons

They Have Invited

Dr. Edith R. Grimes To Speak

For Their Young People.

(There are about 80)

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