

# The Church

Build Unity of Undermine It

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- Truth or Tradition
- Relationship or Ritual
- To Give or To Get
- To Build Unity or to Undermine it.
- Victor or Victim

## 1 Cor 11:17-18

In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

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- 1. Leave the church**
- 2. Don't resolve it, but stay in the church (Worst option)**
- 3. Take the initiative, and seek to resolve it. (Best option)**

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- 1. understanding what dismantles unity in the church,**
- 2. knowing the biblical instructions**
- 3. what is the result of experiencing unity in the church.**

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## **Colossians 3:1-3**

**1** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
**2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

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## **Colossians 3:12-17**

**12** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

**17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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