

Pillars of Unity

Ephesians 4:1-6

Introduction:

- One of the biggest issues, if not the biggest, of the first century was the Jew / Gentile distinction. Therefore, we are not surprised to see Paul address it regularly
- Unity is one of the major themes in Ephesians. He discusses everything Christ has done to bring about unity

Body:

- I. Seven Personal Pillars of Unity – 4:2-3
 - A. Unity of Moral Disposition – 4:2
 1. Humility
 2. Gentleness
 3. Patience
 4. Bearing with One Another in Love
 - B. Unity of Effort – 4:3
 1. Eagerness / Diligence
 2. Unity of Spirit
 3. Bond of Peace
- II. Seven Doctrinal Pillars of Unity – 4:4-6
 - A. Unity of the Divine Nature
 1. One God and Father
 2. One Lord
 3. One Spirit
 - B. Unity of Performance
 1. One Hope
 2. One Body
 3. One Faith
 4. One Baptism

This was one of my dad's favorite sermons. He believed it was absolutely essential to the health of the local church.