

THREE ASPECTS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

A. UNITY

- a. Origin of our unity
 - i. Indwelling Holy Spirit
- b. Character of our unity
 - i. Humility
 - ii. Gentleness
 - iii. Patience
 - iv. Love
- c. Foundation of our unity
 - i. One Body, one Spirit, one Hope
 - ii. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism
 - iii. One God and Father of all

B. DIVERSITY

- a. Grace gifts
 - i. Given by Christ
 - ii. Given to all
 - iii. Given as Christ sees fit
 - iv. Given for a purpose

C. MATURITY

- a. No longer children
 - i. Tend to follow the crowd
 - ii. Often distracted
 - iii. Easily deceived
- b. Building strong church bodies
 - i. Speaking the truth in love
 - ii. Joining together by supporting ligaments
 - iii. Growing and building itself up in love

D. AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY – John 17:20-23

- a. To let the world know
 - i. God sent His son
 - ii. God loves us