

# Created for Covenant

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1 Cor 12:12-20, 27

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## 1. WE ARE CALLED TO BE ONE

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Eph 4:4-6

4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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## 2. WE NEED EACH OTHER

1 Cor 12:17

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

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## 3. IT BRINGS GOD GLORY

John 17:20-21 (Jesus' prayer for unity)

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Acts 2:44-47 (after Pentecost)

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.