

Walk In Unity



Universal (Invisible) Church

Plus: All believers
who have already
died



Local (Visible) Church

All believers
within a local
assembly

Ephesians 4:3-6 Message

Diligently preserve our God-given unity, being motivated by the character and work of the Trinity.



Walk In Unity

Exhortation to live
equal to one's
calling
(4:1-2)

Exhortation to
and basis for
unity
(4:3-6)

Exhortation to
grow together
toward unity of
the faith
(4:7-16)

Walk In Unity (Eph 4:3-6)

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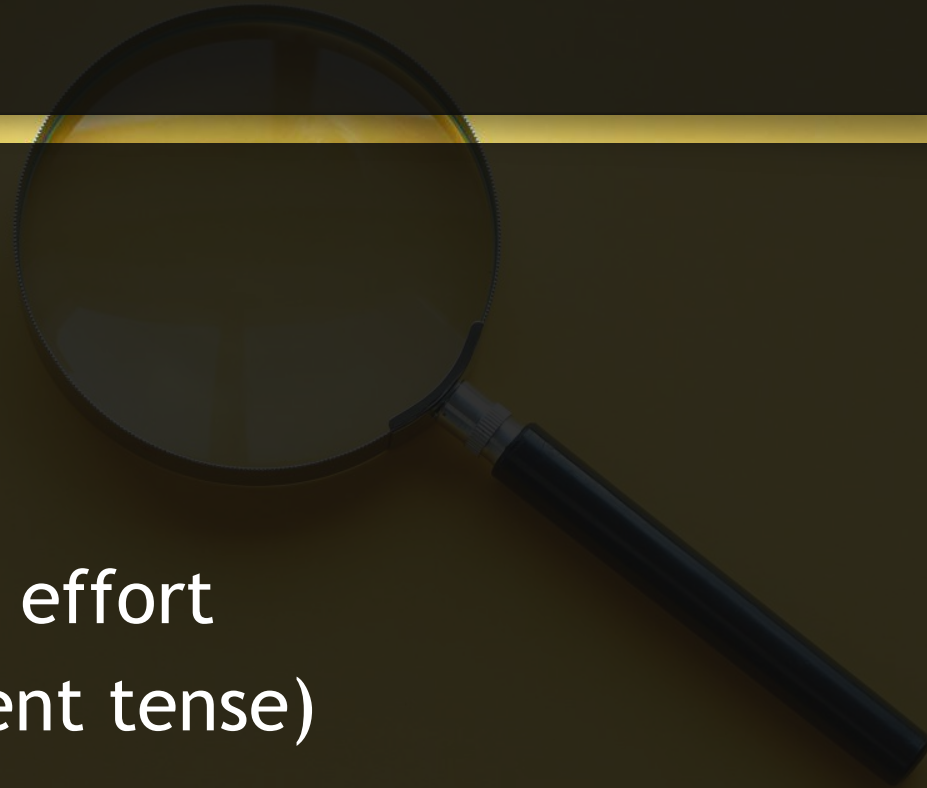
Diligently preserve peaceful unity in the body of Christ
(3)

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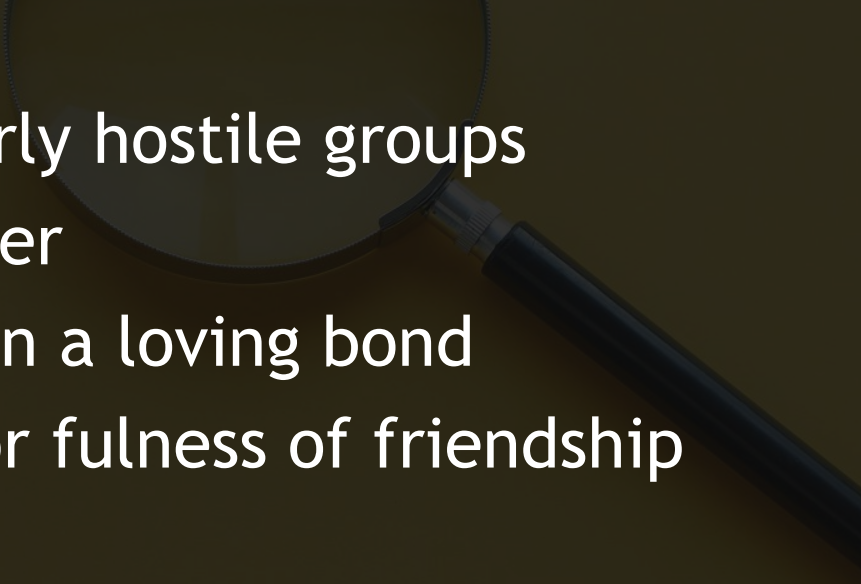
Use the character and work of the Trinity to motivate that diligence (4-6)

“Be diligent”

- To go all out
- To make every effort
- Put your whole being into the effort
- It should be continuous (present tense)



“Peace”

- Shalom, total well-being
 - Lack of hostility between formerly hostile groups
 - Mutual acceptance of one another
 - A genuine friendship expressed in a loving bond
 - Thorough exchange of enmity for fulness of friendship
 - Sweet fellowship as friends
 - “Network of ligaments” holding the body of Christ together
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The Trinity: Essential to Christian Unity

Each is
involved in
our unity

Unity flows
from their
character

Our unity
reflects their
character

Unity flows from the Trinity

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By God the Holy Spirit, unity flows from one membership, one power and one hope (4)

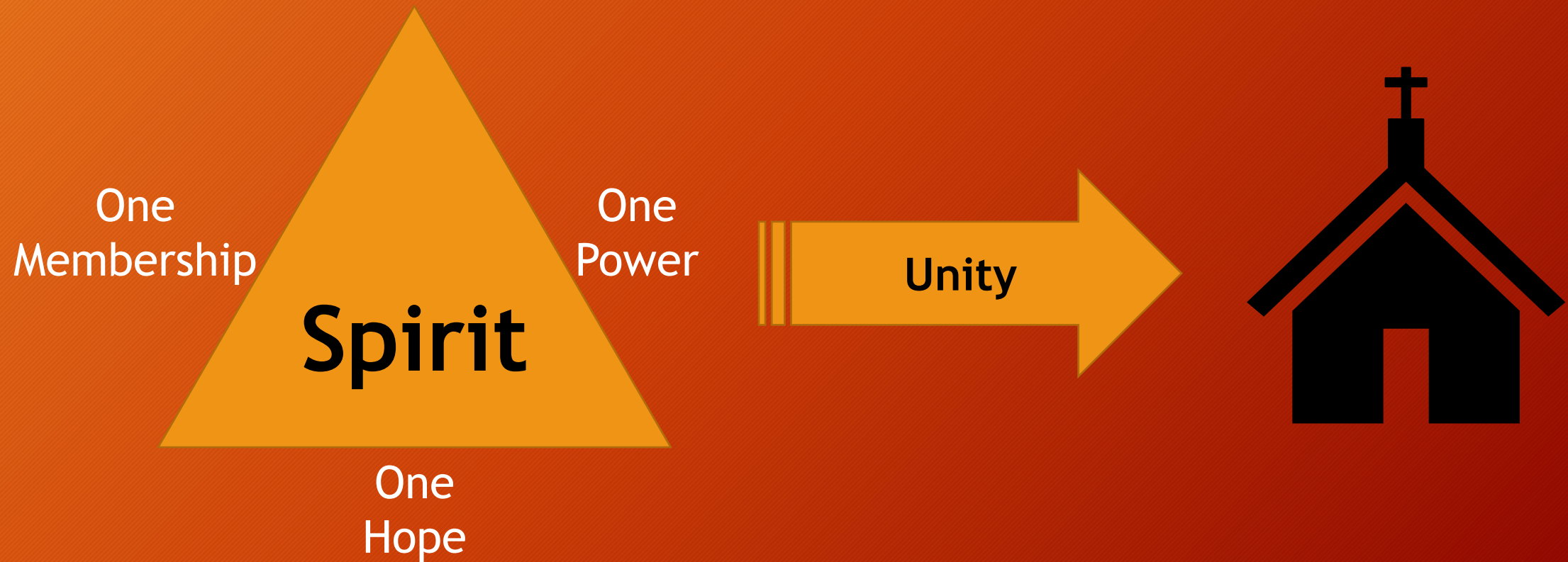
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By God the Son, unity flows from one ultimate authority, one way of salvation, and one sphere of existence (5)

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By God the Father there is one ultimate unifying factor who is sovereign over, actively working in and dwelling in us (6)

God the Holy Spirit and Unity

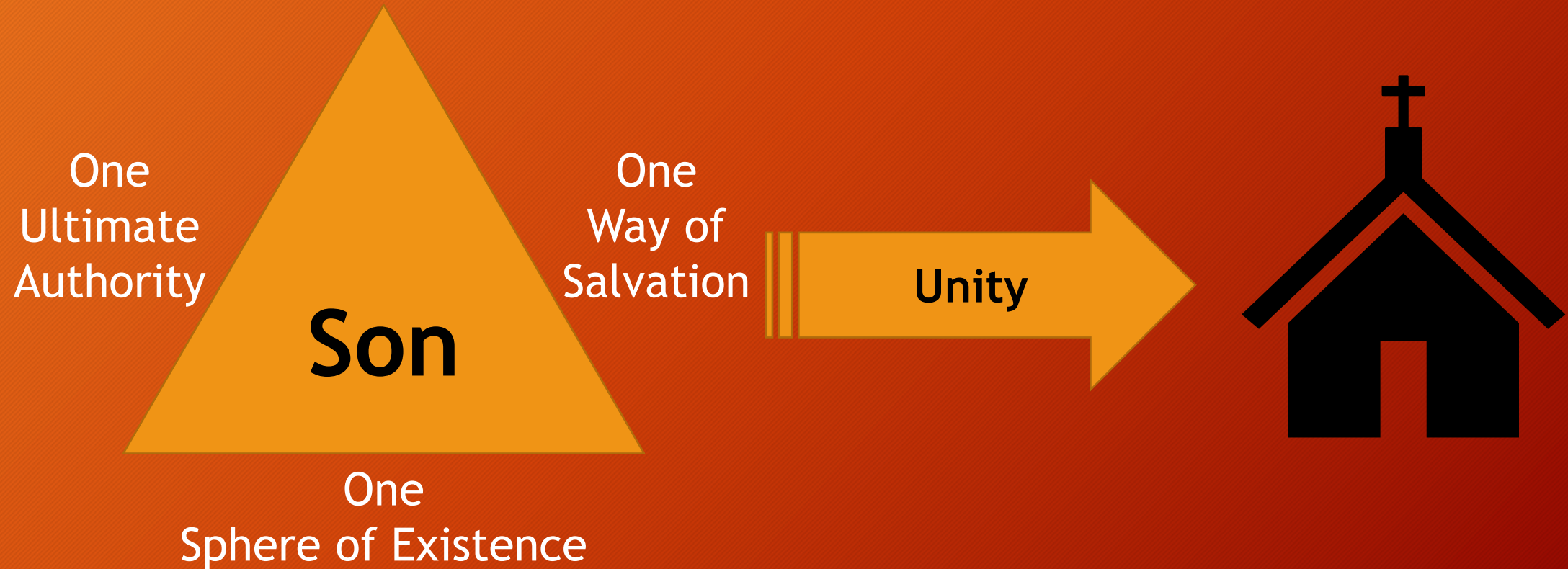


“Hope”



- Not just a wish, as in, “I hope it rains soon”
- Absolutely certain that God will do all that He promised
- Eagerly expects God’s promises to come true

God the Son and Unity



Being in Christ, we are in union with Him and partake of the benefits of His death and resurrection.

In this “**representative union**”, Jesus paid our penalty for disobedience and He obeyed God’s law perfectly for us.

In this “**living union**”, we “draw upon the nourishment and power of the living Christ to enable us to live the Christian life”

Jerry Bridges, *Who Am I?*, p. 26

**Christ:
One
sphere of
existence**

God the Father and Unity

