

-ONE LOVE – ONE PURPOSE

EVERYTHING & EVERYONE BROUGHT TOGETHER AT THE CROSS

#The work starts here

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In the fourth week of our series on UNITY – we continue to look at the body of Christ. As we come together as the church, we are the body of Christ. The body can only be effective from a place of integrity.

Integrity means wholeness and completeness. However, if we are living our lives from a place of brokenness, it is very hard to be whole. Therefore, we need to find the root of the problem – which is the heart. When we take the time to search the heart and allow God to work in it – we no longer have to try and influence, serve, view things from a place of brokenness but instead from a place of wholeness and unity.

“but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin” – 1 John 1:7

Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who can no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For Sarah, Sarah and their families
- For CGL and the continued growth & positive influence in the community
- For opportunities to share the gospel in our community and home lives
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For open doors/opportunities to build relationships with our community and other local churches
- For the governmental challenges and Brexit negotiations at this time
- For 3 people you know or know of that need to come to know the Lord
- For the floods in Bangladesh and other parts of Asia, Texas, Florida
- For Amy and Dan as Amy undergoes treatment for cancer
- For peace in our world
- For our emergency services
- For our church
- For the challenges & tragedies of increased gun/knife crime in our city
- For North Korea as tensions continue to rise

Today's Service

- Bible Reading

John 17:20-26

- Songs

- ❖ Faithful One so unchanging
- ❖ I the Lord of sea and sky
- ❖ We want to see Jesus lifted high
- ❖ Teach me to dance
- ❖ O church arise

REFLECTION

1. Why do you think the heart is so important in our walk with God?
2. In what ways do you think you have been influenced or influence through your hurts?
3. What do you think the value is of coming before the Lord to examine or test ourselves?
4. Why do you think it can be difficult to have unity with one another and fellowship with others when it comes from a place of brokenness?
5. Spend time reflecting on this message during the week and as you do take time in 1 John 1:5-10

Notices

Sunday 17th September 2017

- Next Lunch club will be on **25th September**
 - Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
 - Thursday morning prayer meeting **9.30am – 10.30am** (1st Thursday of the month)
 - Pickleball every Monday **@7.00PM (term times)**
 - Wednesday bible study every week **@7.30PM (term times)**
 - Church Away Day – **7 October 10.30AM – 4PM** – please let us know if you can attend. There will be a contribution of around £20 for the day if you are able
 - There is a bookshelf in Wellsprings where the community can take/borrow books. If you have any that you can contribute - then please do bring them in.
 - Next Strategy Meeting – **10 October @7.30PM – Nicodemus presentation – all church members welcome**
 - Next Church Meeting – **22 October 2017 – after the service**
 - Welcoming into Membership service of – **Ena on 1st October 2017 and a shared lunch after church**
 - **Samaritans Purse** – shoebox collections. 13-17th November between 11am – 2pm. If you can help with a session – please see Sarah.
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- **Flower Rota - 24 September – Moya**
 - **Prayer - 24 September – Moya**
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Prayer of the Week

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

I come seeking healing for many times of prayerlessness
or giving higher priority to my other interests and activities.
Heal me for the times I have depended on my own efforts
or the efforts of others and disregard you.

For the times I was blinded by my self-centeredness.
Search me, O God, and help me see the areas in my life that
need
your healing, love and mercy.

Create in me a clean heart.
Give me the grace to put you as first priority in my life at all
times
and to turn away from sin or occasions and influences that
lead to sin.

Teach me to pray and give me the desire to pray as often as I
can.
Lift me up when my prayer seems dry and empty when I feel
as though my prayers are not being heard.

Strengthen me with perseverance when trials
and obstacles make me feel like giving up.
Guide me in the right path that leads only to you.
And dearest Lord, draw me near to you always, and let my
spirit
be filled with your power and healing presence

Work in my heart I pray so that I can live and serve in the
freedom of Your son, my Jesus and my Saviour

In Jesus name – AMEN

Notes

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. – Psalm 139:23-24**

Series – Theme Song

O church arise

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.