

## 27 Ways Adventists Can Encourage Christian Unity

Here are 27 aspects of Christian unity in which Adventists may legitimately participate.

1. Unity in the confidence of the Christian vision of God, a Supreme Being who is well disposed towards human beings, a God who is love and who loves the human persons He created in His image. Unity in the conviction of being loved by God.
2. Unity in the necessity of having the mind of Christ.
3. United in shared identity: A new humanity recreated in the image of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father, through the Holy Spirit. Theological unity about fully embracing God's identity revealed in Scripture as Trinity.
4. Unity in one baptism in the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
5. United in bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5).
6. United in the joy of Jesus, the one Jesus makes complete in all His disciples of yesterday and of today.
7. Unity in understanding that our primary calling is to love God with our whole being and our neighbors as ourselves.
8. United in participating in God's mission, which consists of witnessing to Christ as Lord and Savior. Unity of purpose in God's Mission.
9. United in understanding metaphysical reality and the spiritual controversy between good and evil, Christ and Satan.
10. United in resisting evil and in abstaining from harming others.
11. United in the experience of the tribulation, the kingdom, and the patient endurance that are in Jesus ([Rev 1:9](#)).
12. Unity for humanitarian work or unity to help improve the living condition of our neighbors is an expression of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in humanity.
13. Unity to promote temperance has been highly recommended by the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
14. Unity in the promotion of freedom, equality, and fraternity is part of the international mandate ratified by the United Nations.
15. Unity in the determination to uphold the dignity of every person, unity of values, is mandatory for those who believe that human beings are created in the image of God according to His likeness.
16. Unity in being committed to non-violence is part of the refusal to violate people's right to peace and to the integrity of all the dimensions of their personhood.
17. Unity in working for peace, justice, and reconciliation is a mandate Jesus gave to all His disciples in His famous discourse in the Sermon on the Mount. Unity in peace making.
18. Unity in serving communities to better the living conditions of neighbors. Unity in the solidarity with the human family is an incontrovertible part of the Christian gospel. Love of God and love of neighbor express itself in tangible or concrete ways in assisting people who are economically challenged.
19. Unity in alleviating human suffering and restoring people to comprehensive health is the gospel in action. It was part of Jesus ministry as He not only proclaimed the good news but also made the good news a reality by healing people. Unity in working for comprehensive health care and for the upholding of human dignity is part of the restoration ministry that is the goal of salvation.
20. Unity in promoting temperance is part of the education to responsibility.
21. Unity in promoting life. This type of unity can draw a broad consensus and bring people of goodwill and compassion from various philosophical and religious backgrounds.
22. Unity in upholding the sacredness of each person.

23. Unity of the churches in mission for the sake of uplifting Jesus Christ before the world seems to find consensus among Christians of various denominations. The miracle of partnership in mission has already a solid foundation among historic and more recent denominations. This unity for the purpose of witnessing to Christ should not lead to downplay of doctrinal differences.
24. Unity in practicing and preaching the teachings of Jesus Christ (Beatitudes).
25. Unity in being protected and cared for by God (The Lord's Prayer).
26. Unity in the rejection of the practice of partiality (James 2).
27. Unity in being submitted to God and against conflicts, violence and wars (James 4)

## 6 Danger Zones for Unity

**Compromise for the sake of unity would mean loss of identity in these six areas. Adventists are resolved not to sacrifice their fundamental convictions for the sake of unity.**

1. United in being grounded on Scripture, as revelation of God's character and absolute will. Epistemological unity. The centrality of the Bible as a source of revelation of God's character, will, and purposes is paramount for Seventh-day Adventists.
2. United in our allegiance to biblical truth as the sole source of doctrines: Doctrinal Unity.
3. United in living and proclaiming the three angels messages: To fear God, to give Him glory, and to worship Him with uncompromising allegiance (eschatological prophetic unity).
4. United in fellowship with the Heavenly High Priest. Adventists have been particularly entrusted with the truth of the high priestly function of Jesus Christ.
5. United in the blessed hope of the Second Coming and the expectation of the King of kings and Lord of lords who will bring with Him complete healing, justice, peace, and everlasting fellowship.
6. United in being part of the end-time resistance movement, people determined to worship God alone regardless of what this stand might cost them. This is where religious liberty plays a key role. Religious liberty is an antidote to ecclesiastical ecumenism not based on truth and freedom. Adventists cherish the fundamental freedom of religious liberty, which includes the freedom to promote and propagate one's own faith to everyone else, anywhere and at any time, without coercion, intimidation, or manipulation.

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