

Unity

READING

1 Corinthians 12

Ephesians 4

Psalms 133

Romans 16:17

1 Corinthians 1

Walk worthy of the calling to which you were called.

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, being tolerant of one another in love, being diligent to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace

What's your favourite song?
Perhaps "Lord, You're Beautiful"?
Perhaps you even have a favourite band who plays your favourite song?

Have you ever heard the Insyderz version of "Lord You're Beautiful"? ([On YouTube](#)) (Click it, so you understand what I'm saying here).

It's a bit of a heavier beat than you might be used to.
But isn't that still worship music?

You personally don't have to like it. But for the ones who do, it's still people worshipping God with their hearts. Right?

The words are the same as the ones you use. You just prefer a different music style. A different genre.

Most of us have a favourite song, or at least a favourite band.
But yours and mine could be **so** different.
We might not even agree on genre.

So why is it BTW, that most modern churches have exactly the same style of "worship" music? When, if you ask the congregation what genre of music they like to listen to they will have many different answers.

Maybe too many people would freak out if they got to church and the Insyderz were doing worship today.

But they're all music. They all inspire someone. They all reach people's hearts.
Does it matter if your genre is different to mine?

Can't we agree that music is amazing? Sometimes life changing. Often deep, heart touching, mind altering.

We can be united in that. Even though my style and yours are probably so different. We agree that music is music.

So let's be Christians who like to do things in different ways, but who are united and agree that we are all Christians.

That Yahweh is the only god. That Yeshua is his only son. That we are his spiritual children, and we are all saved by Yeshua's sacrifice and not our own effort. That we are brothers and sisters.

That we're family.

I'm different from my physical brother. But he's still my brother.
I'm different from my spiritual brothers, but they're still my brothers.
Even if they "do" Christianity differently from me.

No wonder the world is confused when we split into so many denominations, and faction after faction, but preach peace and unity.

Let's focus on what we have in common instead of dividing over where we're different.

What stops us? What makes us insist that our "denomination" is the only true one? That we're the only ones that have everything right? Isn't that just pride? Arrogance? Man's thinking, not God's enlightenment?

Does the start of Ephesians 4 describe you? "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, being tolerant of one another in love, being diligent to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace"?

We're a body. Yeshua's body. How can a body function properly if it's at war with itself? "In one spirit we've all been immersed into one body"

Let's show the world the unified body of Christ.

Paulus faced the same problem. Some followed him, some followed Apollos.

We should follow Christ!

Paulus' answer... "Is Christ divided?"

Are you?