

“I am the Bread of Life”

John 6:35

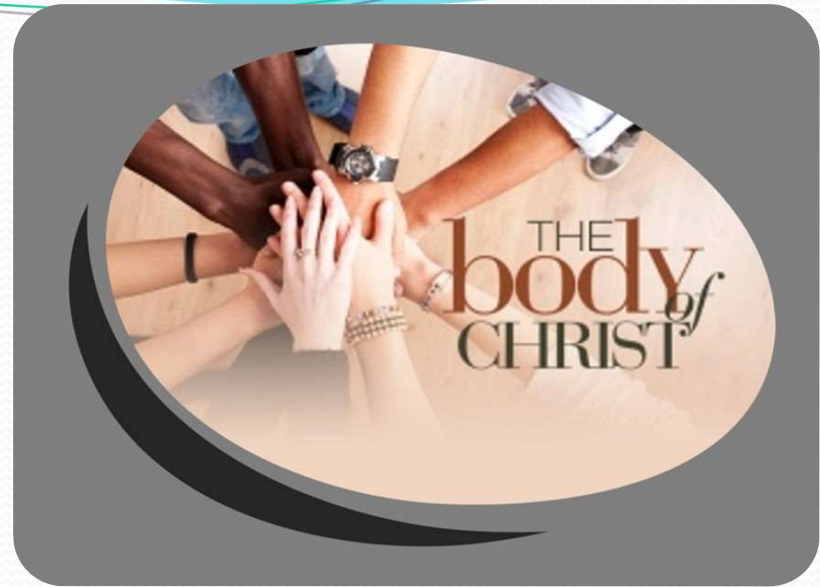


The Eucharist: The Sacrament of Unity



HIGHLIGHTS

1. The New Commandment
2. The Pursuit of Unity
3. The Fulfillment



THE NEW COMMANDMENT (1)

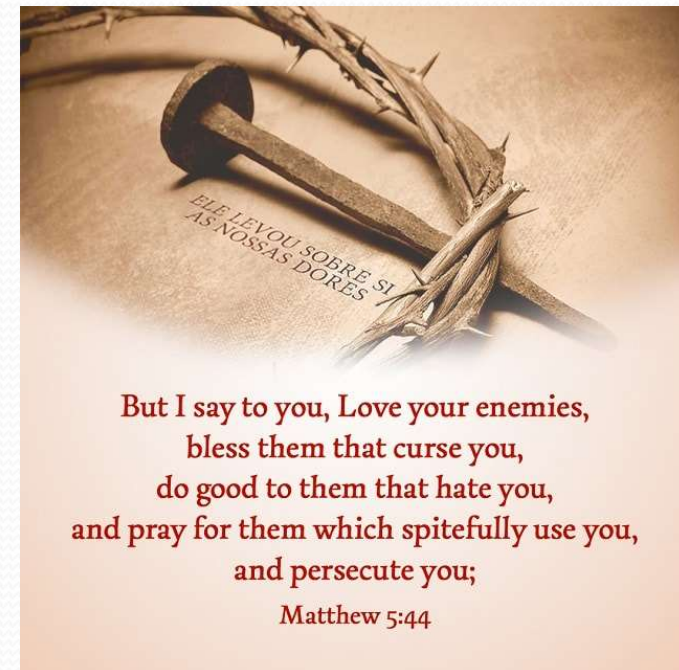
- “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another” *John 13:34*
- “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them”

Luke 6:32



THE NEW COMMANDMENT (2)

- “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you” *Matthew 5:44*
- The ability to forgive and to not consider the worthiness of the recipient when offering love and sacrifice



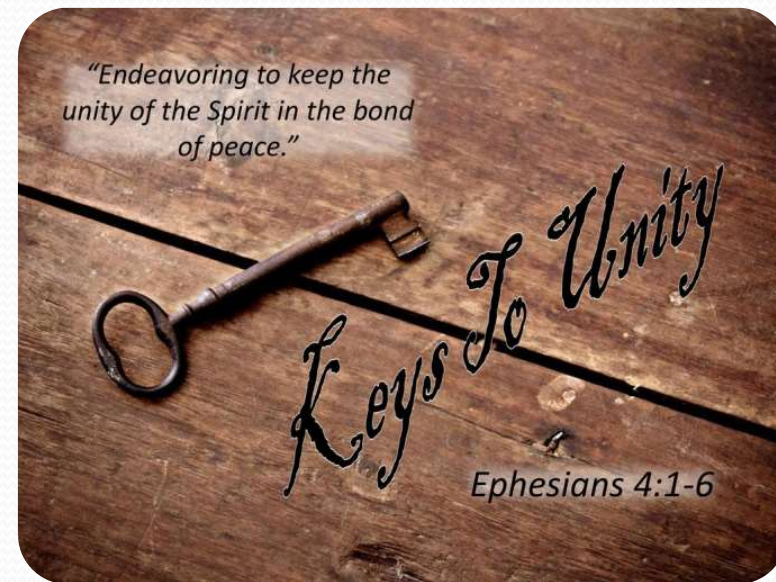
THE NEW COMMANDMENT (3)

- This love is not dependent on the other person changing or conforming to a better state
- The love that looks at a stranger as a brother like what the Good Samaritan did



THE NEW COMMANDMENT (4)

- “...beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” *Ephesians 4: 1- 3*



THE NEW COMMANDMENT (5)

- This love is what defeats the spirit of alienation, separation, and division promoted by the devil
- This love is the evidence of us enjoying the spirit of the Resurrection:

“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren” *1 John 3:14*



THE NEW COMMANDMENT (6)

- Through this love only, the world knows that we are the Lord Christ's disciples: "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" *John 13:35*
- Through this love, the Lord Christ is revealed to the world



THE PURSUIT ⁽¹⁾

- This commandment would be impossible if it is requested with no grace from God Himself
- All what we can do is the pursuit of unity through **desire** and **preparation**.



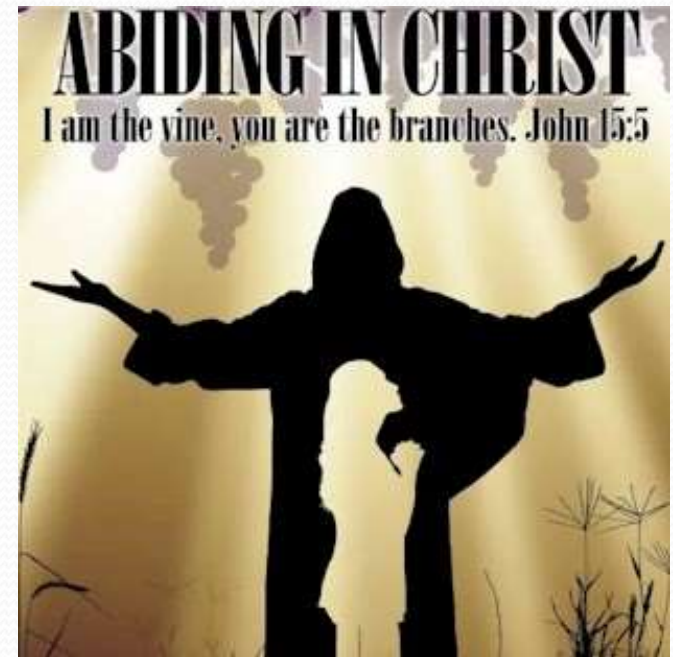
THE PURSUIT ⁽²⁾

- It is the pursuit of unity based on the desire for holiness, the embracing of the one faith and to love as the Lord Christ loved us.



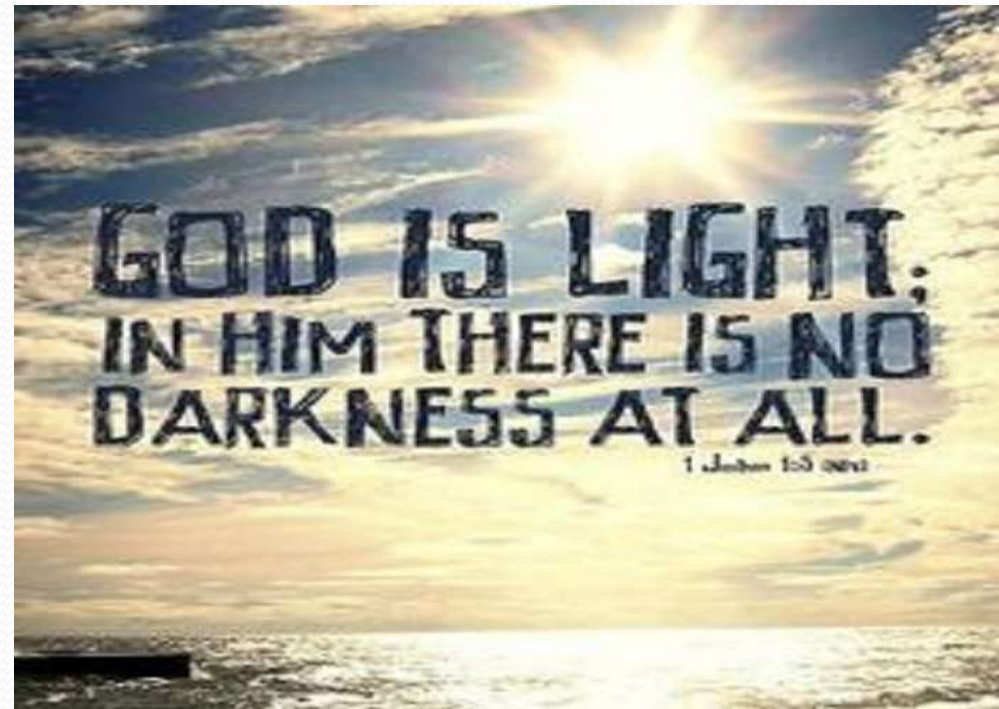
THE FULFILLMENT (1)

- It is only through the Eucharist that we can abide in the Lord Christ and He in us.
- It is only when His love is poured into our hearts through the sacrament that we can love one another as he loved us.



THE FULFILLMENT (2)

- It is the sacrament of holiness by which we can be united with God and through this unity we can be united with everyone else.



THE FULFILLMENT (3)

- *“Make us all worthy O our Master to partake of your holies unto the purification of our souls, bodies, and spirits, that we can become one body and one spirit”*

From the Liturgy of the Faithful

