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THE PURSUIT OF PEOPLE – "ONE BODY"

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Introduction: As we begin our *"**Pursuit of People**"* sermon series, we start with the unity we have in the body of Christ, which is all based on the unity God has as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. True unity can only come through what Christ has done for us. It is through Christ alone we can enjoy the fellowship the psalmist talked about in Psalm 103:1

1. **The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the <u>only</u> source of <u>true</u> <u>unity</u>!**

"*My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*" - John 17:20-21

2. **Though we can't <u>create</u> unity in the body of Christ, we can <u>guard</u> it through how we treat each other.**

"*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace*." -Ephesians 4:2-3

3. **True <u>unity</u> brings true <u>fellowship</u>!**

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" -Psalm 133:1

4. **Though we are <u>ONE</u> in Christ, we all have <u>different</u> gifts to <u>build</u> up the body of Christ.**

*"But to **each one of us** grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."* -Ephesians 4:7-8

5. **“It is in the body of Christ that we learn to live a life <u>worthy</u> of our <u>calling</u> while becoming a <u>mature</u> Christian.”**

“I urge you to live a life worthy the calling you have received.”
-Ephesians 4:1b

“*To equip his people for works of service, so the body of Christ may be built up until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ*.” -Ephesians 4:12b-13