

## What Unity is NOT... according to the Bible -

It is NOT Universalism and ALL - Inclusiveness.

Joshua 24:14“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. **15** And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

1 Kings 18:21 -

Elijah approached all the people and said, “How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people [of Israel] did not answer him [so much as] a word.

Matt 10: 32 “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. **33** But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

**34** “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. **I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.** **35** For I have come to turn ““a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law — a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

**Matt 25:31**“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

**34** “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world...**41** “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

2 Cor 6:17 -**14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

**16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

**18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

James 4:4 - You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. **5** Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?

Exodus 34:10 - **10** Then the Lord said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you. **11** Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. **12** Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. **13** Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles.<sup>[a]</sup> **14** Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. **15** "Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. **16** And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same. **17** "Do not make any idols.

We must identify ourselves by choosing one brand, type, or group. A melting pot blends all things together so that NO one thing retains its own identity, but all things melt into the collective group and can never again become what it was. A stew on the other hand is a group of individual pieces that retain distinction but together make up the whole.

Universalists Unitarians strive to accept and promote the inclusion of all faiths without renouncing any contradicting doctrines.

**Unitarian Universalists** believe that each person is free to search for his or her own personal truth on issues, such as the existence, nature, and meaning of life, deities, creation, and afterlife. UUs can come from any religious background, and hold beliefs and adhere to morals from a variety of cultures or religions.

Christ Unity church in medford Oregon asks 4 questions of all members:

1. What is a religion but NOT a religion?
2. What is a Christian but not only a Christian?
3. What is a denomination and NOT a denomination?
4. What honors individual differences while seeking universal similarity?

When you feel led by Divine Spirit to unite with this spiritual family we will welcome you.

CHRIST UNITY CHURCH Renewal and Membership Application

Understanding the five basic tenants of Unity as they are practiced in Christ Unity Church,

1. There is only one Presence and one Power in my life, God the good.
2. Our essence is of God; therefore we are inherently good.
3. We form our reality through thoughts held in Mind.
4. With prayer and meditation we align our Heart-mind with God.
5. With our thoughts, words and actions we live the Truth we know.

I now feel led by Divine Spirit to unite myself with this spiritual family.

Therefore I commit that through prayer and meditation:

...I will endeavor to make my life an ever more effective instrument of God's Spirit of peace and Love.

... I will share the responsibility of my church by praying for its growth and warmly welcoming all those who visit.

**Christian Evangelical Fundamentalism** began in the late 19th and early 20th centuries among **British** and **American Protestants** as a reaction to **theological liberalism** and cultural **modernism**. Fundamentalists argued that **19th-century modernist theologians** had misinterpreted or rejected certain **doctrines**, especially **biblical inerrancy**, that they viewed as the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Fundamentalists are almost always described as having a literal interpretation of the Bible and giving it final authority over every area of life because of its unique infallible divine inspiration. Scholars debate how much the terms "**evangelical**" and "fundamentalist" are **synonymous**. In keeping with traditional Christian doctrines concerning biblical interpretation, the role Jesus Christ plays in the Bible, and the role of the church in society, fundamentalists usually believe in a core of Christian beliefs that include the historical accuracy of the Bible and all its events as well as the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

**Evangelicals can often be closed minded about “non-essential” things such as opinions, personal convictions, style, cultural influences.**

**This breeds a contempt from those who are really seeking TRUTH!**

***We need to “Keep the main thing the main thing”***

**Rom 14 -Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters...**

**19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_ (music, food, clothes, style, holidays, etc)**

**22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.**