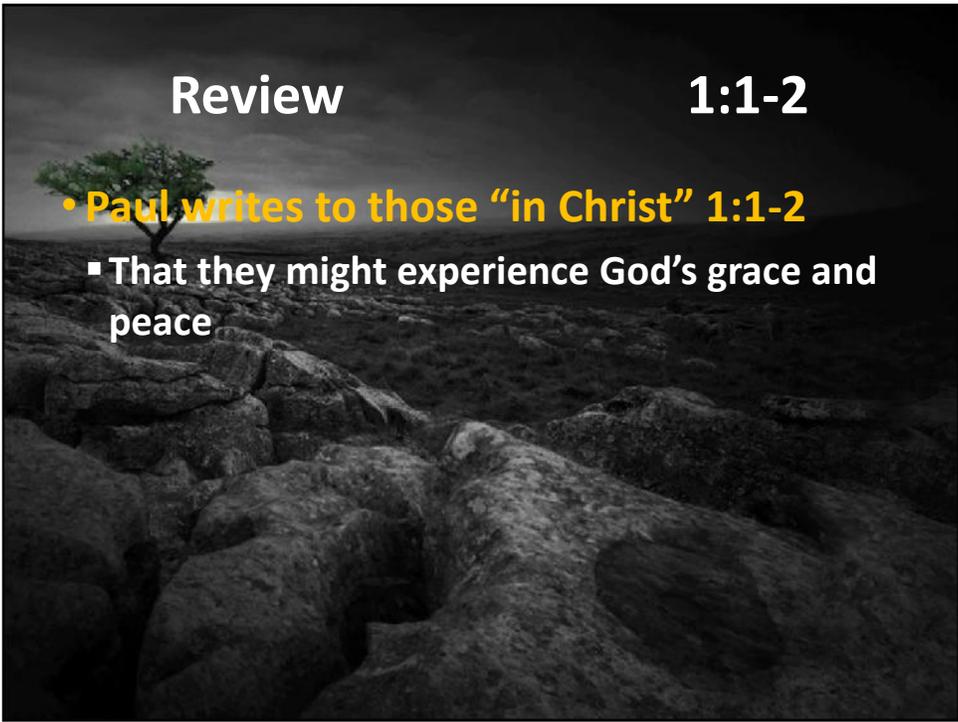


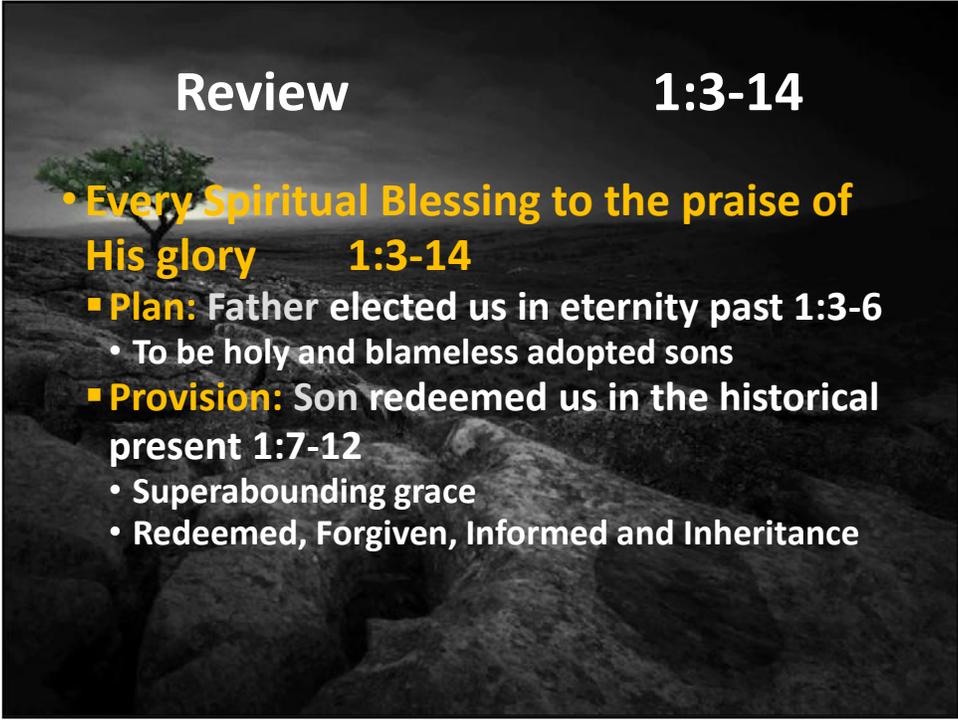
**Question**

- **What does pride look like?**
- **What does maturity look like?**
- **How do you know if some is mature?**
- **How do you know if someone is humble?**



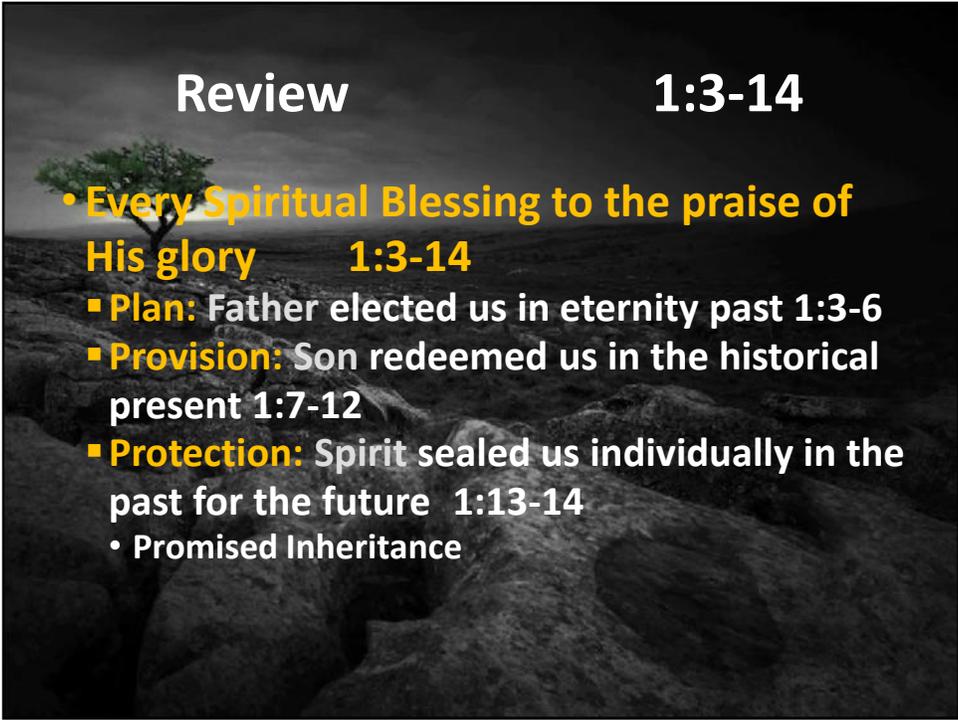
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- **Paul writes to those “in Christ” 1:1-2**
  - **That they might experience God’s grace and peace**



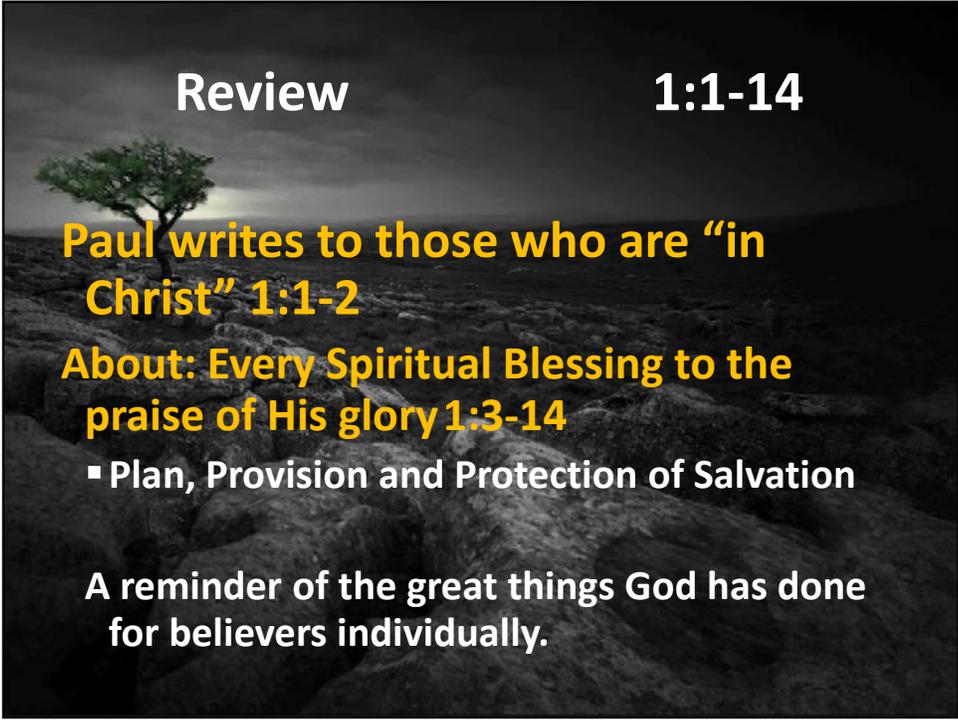
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    - To be holy and blameless adopted sons
  - **Provision:** Son redeemed us in the historical present 1:7-12
    - Superabounding grace
    - Redeemed, Forgiven, Informed and Inheritance



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    - Promised Inheritance



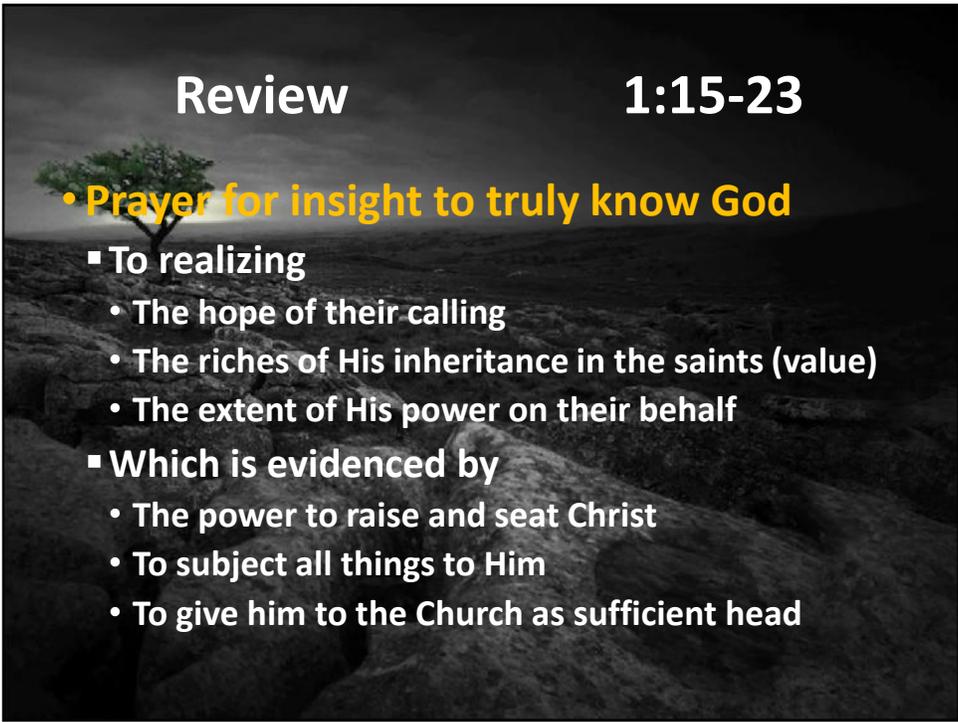
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**Paul writes to those who are “in Christ” 1:1-2**

**About: Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14**

- Plan, Provision and Protection of Salvation

A reminder of the great things God has done for believers individually.



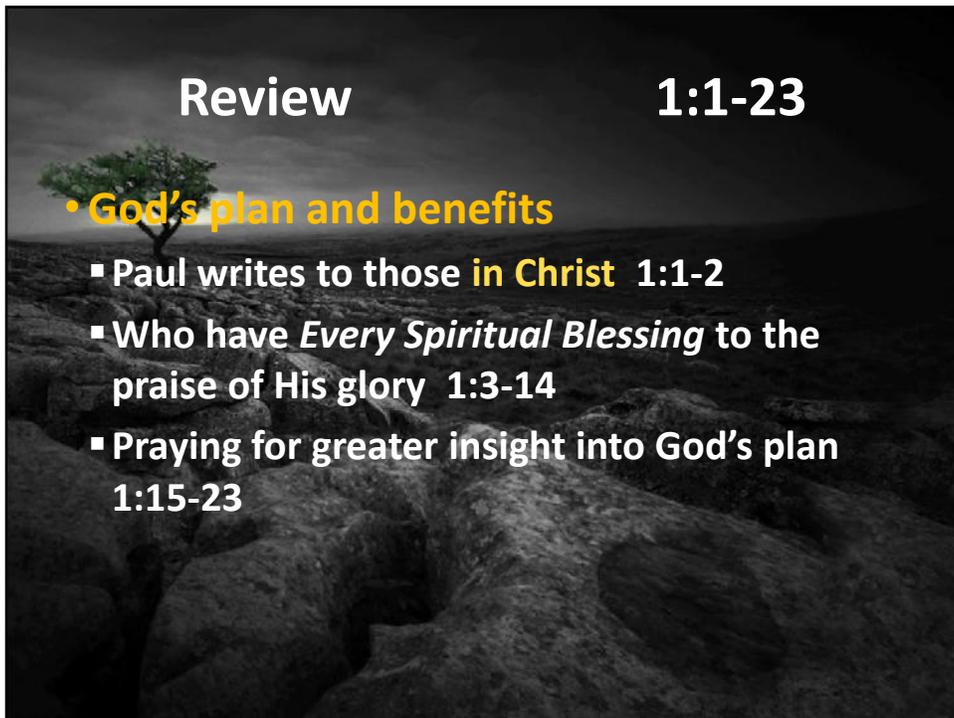
**Review** **1:15-23**

- **Prayer for insight to truly know God**
  - To realizing
    - The hope of their calling
    - The riches of His inheritance in the saints (value)
    - The extent of His power on their behalf
  - Which is evidenced by
    - The power to raise and seat Christ
    - To subject all things to Him
    - To give him to the Church as sufficient head



**Review** **1:1-23**

- **God's plan and benefits** **1:1-23**
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  - **God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)**
    - Everyman's condition apart from God 2:1-3
    - "But God"
      - ◇ Rich in mercy
      - ◇ Based on His grace provided a relationship with Him
      - ◇ Obtained through faith
      - ◇ For the purpose of revealing God's grace through actions



**Review** **2:1—3:21**

- **Steps toward fulfilling God's Plan 2:1—3:13**
  - **God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)**
  - **God's plan applied corporately (2:11-22)**
    - Those who (Gentiles) were formerly hopeless, separated from God's promises, Messiah and people
    - Now have been brought into one new entity (The Church)



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  - Expanding on the mystery: corporate identity (3:1-13)
  - Prayer for the Ephesians to know and experience Christ's love and experience maturity filled by God 3:14-19
    - The impossibly big prayer for intimacy and to be total consumed with God
  - Doxology: Praise to God for His superabounding 3:20-21



**Context: Big Picture**

- **How**

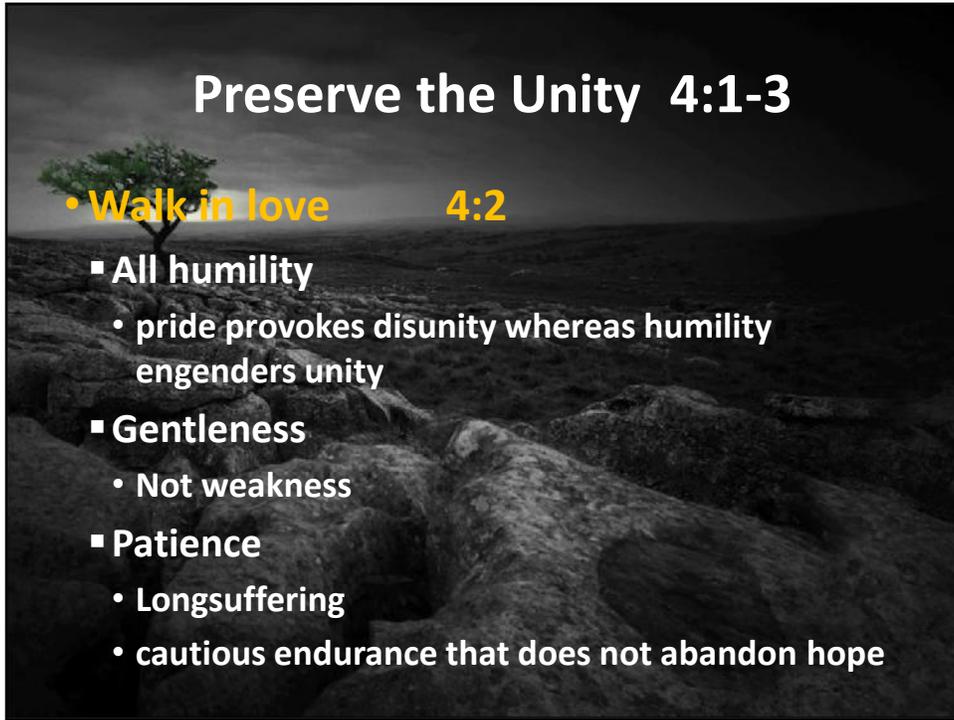


## Context: Big Picture

- **“Walk”** drives the ethical instruction of **4:1–5:21**
  - 4:1, 1st of 5 sections that start with “walk”
  - 4:1 walk in a manner worthy of the calling
  - 4:17 walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk
  - 5:2 walk in love
  - 5:8 walk as children of Light
  - 5:15 walk, not as unwise men but as wise

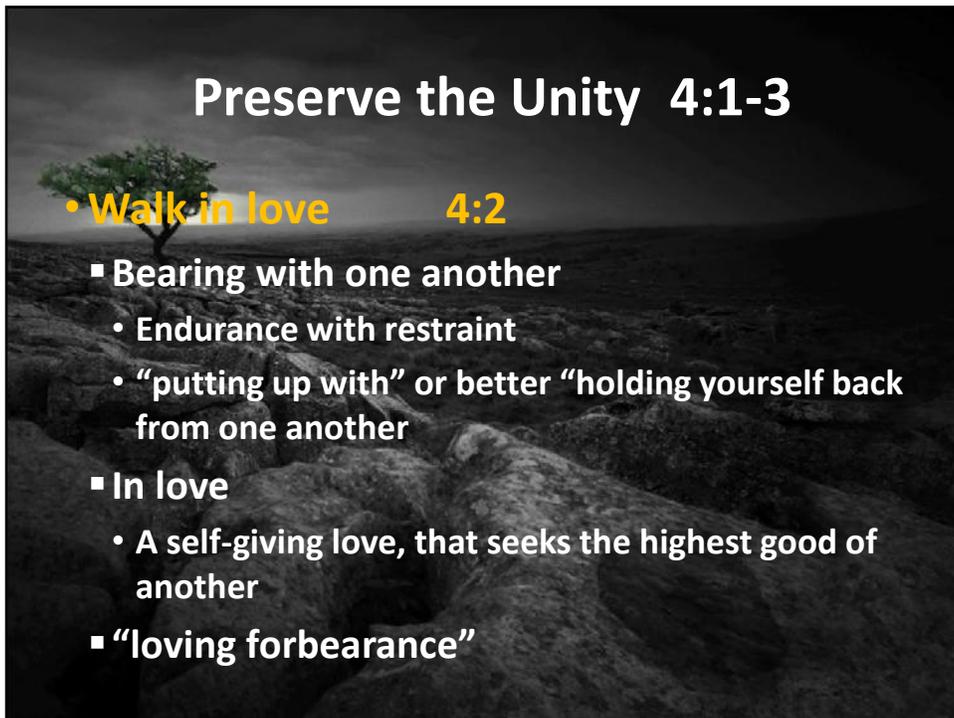
## Preserve the Unity 4:1-3

- **Walk worthy** 4:1
  - Urge
    - Challenging admonition
  - Walk
    - To live as habit of conduct



## Preserve the Unity 4:1-3

- **Walk in love** 4:2
  - All humility
    - pride provokes disunity whereas humility engenders unity
  - Gentleness
    - Not weakness
  - Patience
    - Longsuffering
    - cautious endurance that does not abandon hope



## Preserve the Unity 4:1-3

- **Walk in love** 4:2
  - Bearing with one another
    - Endurance with restraint
    - “putting up with” or better “holding yourself back from one another
  - In love
    - A self-giving love, that seeks the highest good of another
  - “loving forbearance”

## Preserve the Unity 4:1-3

- **Maintain Unity 4:3**
  - Eager
    - Zealous effort
  - Maintain the unity of the Spirit
    - The unity is provided by Christ—it is something we have, now the challenge is to keep it.
  - In the bond of peace
    - The unity of the Spirit is preserved through the bond of peace

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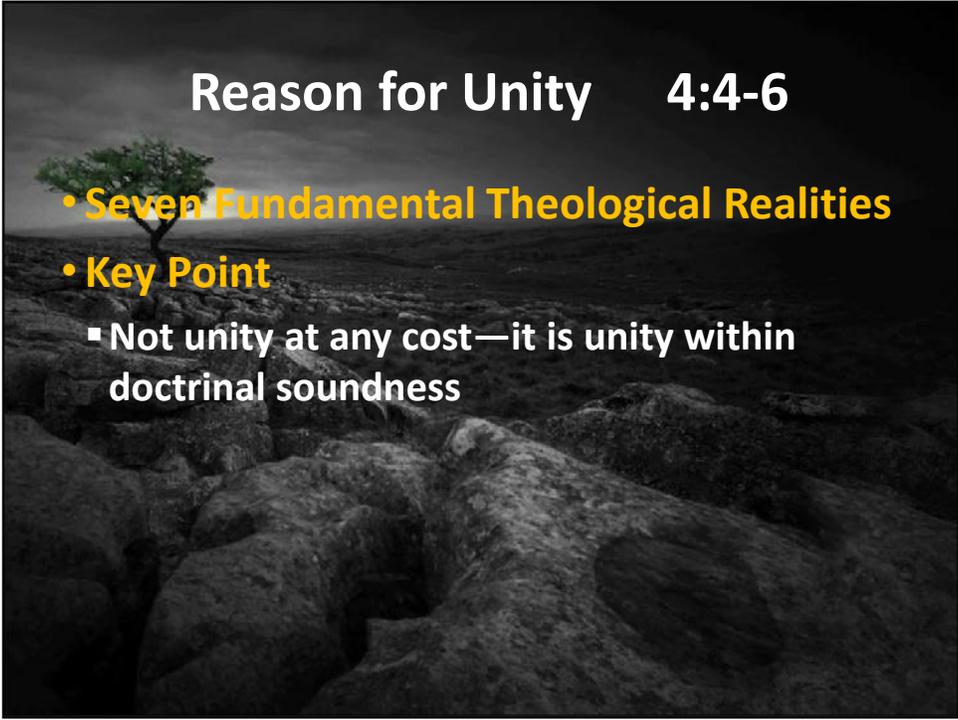
- **Humility and Gentleness** ⇒ enables
- **Patients** ⇒ which is evidenced in
- **Showing tolerance for one another** ⇒ which is a concrete expression of
- **“in love”** ⇒ which is why we are required to
- **Be zealous to preserve the unity of the Spirit**

## Calvary Staff Covenant

- When I have a problem with another staff *team* member, I will first go directly to that person, making every effort to seek understanding and resolution. I will not allow space for resentment to *grow*.
- When I'm not sure about another staff *team* member, I will give them the benefit of the doubt. *I will assume the best of others' motives.*
- I will speak positively about my fellow staff *team* members; they are safe with me even in their absence.
- I will freely extend grace to other staff *team* members when I encounter their faults. I will pray for each member of our *staff team* regularly.

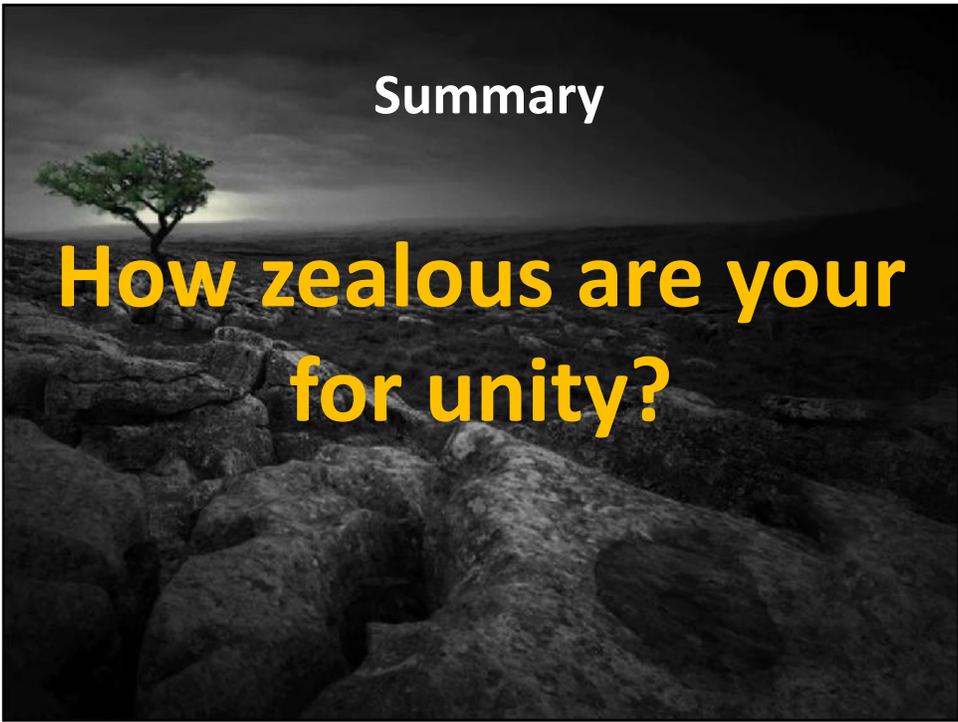
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- I will support in public the decisions we have made inside our group.
- I will “speak the truth in love” with other staff *team* members, gracefully sharing with them information they may need to know in order to grow personally or serve more effectively. *I will use my words to encourage and not cause pain.*
- Confidences shared within our *staff team* will remain safely there—within the group.
- *I will work with diligence, as unto the Lord, with a servant attitude.*



**Reason for Unity 4:4-6**

- **Seven Fundamental Theological Realities**
- **Key Point**
  - **Not unity at any cost—it is unity within doctrinal soundness**



**Summary**

**How zealous are you  
for unity?**