**“Diversity in Unity”**

**Ephesians 4:1-16 | August 26th, 2018**

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1. **Animosity** (vs. 1, ref. Matt. 23:25, Rom. 5-6)
   1. Christians should sin!
   2. *“ division should be*

*preferred over unity.”*

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1. **Bearity** (vs. 2-3, ref. Gal. 6:2) - *“The brother is a burden to the Christian, precisely because He is a Christian.” -* Dietrich Bonhoeffer
2. **Unity** (vs. 3-6) – The blood of

runs deeper than the blood of .

1. **Diversity** (vs. 7-8)
   1. follower of Christ has at

least spiritual gift.

* 1. Spiritual gifts are given for purposes.

1. **Ministry** (vs. 11-12) - The job of a minister is to

the church to

ministry.

1. **Safety** (vs. 13-14, ref. Matt. 7:15) - Become so

with God’s Word that you

aren’t by counterfeits.

**Reflection/Application Questions**

1. **If you’re being honest with yourself, what sins in your life do you not hate?**
2. **What kind of people do you spend time with and why?**
3. **What people do you feel a closer bond with than your brothers and sisters in Christ? How can that change?**
4. **What are your spiritual gift(s), and how are you using them?**
5. **How have you looked to your pastors to do what God has given you to do?**
6. **What are you doing to keep yourself safe from false teaching?**