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So God, what do YOU want for Christmas?


God's Christmas (Birthday) List

...please Santa...
I was a really good girl





Luke 10:27




He answered,
"**Love the Lord your God** with all
your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength and with
all your mind'; and, 'Love your
neighbor as yourself.'"



Micah 6:6-8


“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you **but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**





John 17:20-26

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21** 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. **22** I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— **23** I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.





So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?



Be one.

Family Time.

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?



Being one means...

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?




Being one means...

- *Unity in our diversity*



1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.



So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?




Being one means...

- *Unity in our diversity*
- *Unity in our purity*



Ephesians 5:3


But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.





1 Corinthians 11:19

For there must also be
factions among you, so that
those who are approved may
become evident among you.



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Tolerance is, no doubt, a virtue without which none of us can live; but we must, nevertheless, at least understand that it is, strictly speaking, destructive of fellowship, for it is a gesture by which the divine disturbance is rejected. The ONE in whom we are veritably united is Himself the great intolerance. He willeth to rule, to be victorious, to be - everything. He it is who disturbs every family gathering, every scheme for the reunion of Christendom, every human co-operation. And He disturbs, because He is the Peace that is above every estrangement and cleavage and faction.

~Karl Barth

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Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshippers meeting together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be were they to become "unity" conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship. Social religion is perfected when private religion is purified. ~A.W. Tozer

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?




Being one means...

- *Unity in our diversity*
- *Unity in our purity*
- *Unity through loving*




1 John 2:19



They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.



John 13:35




By this all men will know
that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one
another.



Colossians 3:14


Beyond all these
things *put on* love,
which is the perfect
bond of unity.





Romans 12:9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. **11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13** Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.



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Being one means...

- *Unity in our diversity*
- *Unity in our purity*
- *Unity through loving*
- *Unity through mutual submission*




Ephesians 5:21

**Submit to one
another out of
reverence for Christ.**





Ephesians 4:1-4



As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



The communion of the saints means, not a series of loosely related cliques, but an all-embracing and self-abnegating fellowship.

~H.M. Carson

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- *Unity in our diversity*
- *Unity in our purity*
- *Unity through loving*
- *Unity through mutual submission*
- *Unity through solidarity*



Romans 12:15

Rejoice with those who
rejoice; mourn with those
who mourn.



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- *Unity in our diversity*
- *Unity in our purity*
- *Unity through loving*
- *Unity through mutual submission*
- *Unity through solidarity*
- *Unity on mission*



Phillipians 2:2



Make my joy complete by
being of the same mind,
maintaining the same love,
united in spirit, intent on one
purpose,

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?



In necessary things,
unity; in doubtful
things, liberty; in all
things, charity.

~Augustine