John 17:11 (NLT)

Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.

John 17:20-21 (NLT)

- ²⁰ "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message.
- I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

1 Peter 1:22-23 (NLT)

- You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.
- ²³ For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end.

1 Peter 2:5 (NLT)

⁵ And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

⁹ For you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

John 17:11 1 Peter 1-2:10

I'm the only one right every else is wrong
Single once are been forgotten
Our personalities are helping destroy the church.
Cliques can damage the church at the same it can help grow the church.

We need to love, feel love, and beloved.

Christ interest was on People

He came to seek and to save the lost.

He went about doing good and healing people

On the Cross, Jesus chose to die because of His love for mankind.

He expect all Christians to do the same.

John 17:11, 21 1 Peter 1-2:10

In John 17:21 (NLT)

I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us **so that the world will believe you sent me**.

The unity among us testifies to the world that Jesus is God. It is my responsibility to do part to promote that unity

Description of the church 1peter

- 1. Children in the Same Family (1 Peter 1:22-2:3
- 2. Stones in the Same Building (1 Peter 2:4-8
- 3. Priests in the Same Temple (1 Peter 2:5, 9
- 4. <u>Citizens</u> of the Same <u>Nation</u> (<u>1 Peter 2:9-10</u>

John 17:11 1 Peter 1-2:10

1. Children in the Same Family (1 Peter 1:23)

- We have experienced the same birth (vv.23)
 - 23, For you have been **born again**, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.
- In the family we love each other (v. 22)
 - You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

John 17:11 1 Peter 1-2:10

2. Stones in the Same Building (1 Peter 2:4-8

- 1 Peter 2:5 (NLT)
- And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple....
- Whether we agree with each other or not, all true Christians belong to each other as stones in God's building.
 - Different sizes
 - Different appearance
 - Different strength
 - Different thickness
 - But we all important

- ➤ But we shared the same experience of Baptism
- ➤ Shared the same sense of mission. (thinking the same way)
- ➤ Shared concern for one another (Same Love.)
- ➤ Shared experience of suffering for Jesus sake.

John 17:11 1 Peter 1-2:10

Priests in the Same Temple (1 Peter 2: 9

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

But you are not like that, for you are a **chosen people**. You are **royal priests**, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

In the bible there are 3 set of very important people.

- 1. A PROPHET God's spokesman (Deut 18:15-22).
- 2. A KING someone with executive Power to rule.
- 3. **A PRIEST** is advocate, God's representative. (Lev 9:9-11 **Priests ministered to the people**

John 17:11 1 Peter 1-2:10

4. <u>Citizens</u> of the Same <u>Nation</u> (<u>1 Peter 2:9-10</u>

We are the people of God bought with His blood Act 20:28

Conclusion:

Each of these four pictures emphasizes the importance of unity and harmony in the church.

- We belong to one family of God and share the same divine nature.
- We are living stones in one building
- We are priests serving in one temple.
- We are citizens of the same heaven

John 17:11 1 Peter 1-2:10

Diversity is important in every group

- Unity does not eliminate diversity.
- Not all children in a family are alike,
- Not all the stones in a building identical.
- It is diversity that gives beauty and richness to a family or building.
- After all one day all of us will get-together in heaven. If we play our cards right.

Therefor, with regard to the UNITY IN THE CHURCH A person's ethnic background and social status is irrelevant.