

## Church Unity: What's at Stake? – Colossians 3:15

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If there is one place the world should be able to look for peace, it is within the relationships of those in the church. In fact, when we, the church, are not unified it demeans the very testimony of Christ and the gospel we are called to proclaim. This assertion is prolific in Paul's writings, and it is suggested in our text for three reasons:

1. The *gospel* of the church: peace is possible only through Christ. . . . *the peace of God (Christ)*
2. The *command* to the church: peace is to be maintained by the church. *Let the peace of God rule in your hearts . . .*
3. The *calling* of the church: peace is the manifestation of being one body in Christ. . . . *to which also you were called in one body.*