

One Nation (Church) Under God

We are Ambassadors of God

II Corinthians 5: 17, 20

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.*

Under God

1. Appointed to make an **eternal difference**.

John 15: 16 - *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.*

2. Chosen to **bring hope** in a dark world.

I Peter 2: 9 - *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

3. Called to **represent God** in an ungodly world.

I Peter 2: 12 - *Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God.*

One (Church) Nation

1. Unity does not mean **uniformity**.

John 17: 20, 21, 22 - *"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.*

²² *I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one*

2. We desperately need **each other**.

Romans 12: 4, 5 - *For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

3. Unity **empowers** division devours.

Acts 4: 32 & 33 - *All the believers were one in heart and mind...*

³³ *.... And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.*

4. Unity sets us apart and validates our **identity**.

John 13: 34, 35 - *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*