

## ***Notes on Becoming One***

### **Harmony is Unity**

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In musical terms, consider this. There is unison. Every voice is singing the same note at the same time. It is beautiful and powerful in its simplicity. Then there is harmony, each voice singing their own unique part, while singing the same song. Harmony brings richness, excitement, balance, and power. But... we're not singing the exact same notes. Some chords are dissonant before they resolve to a more pleasing sound. There is also beauty in the dissonance as we hear the power and purpose of each voice. In some pieces, the melody may be holding a long, lovely note while other voices have moving parts. Some chords are major (steady, predictable, happy sounding), while other chords are minor (sad, mournful). That too brings a different energy and life to the music. Think of the freedom and power we experience if we embrace the concept of harmony. Submitting to God as the Sovereign Director who gives His children unique parts to sing releases us from the burden of trying to force every person to sing the same note, (and feeling resentful when they refuse to do so), or feeling forced by others to sing their note. While harmony is not unison, it is indeed unity, as we sing the same song while submitting to the same Divine Director.

What does it mean to you 'to become one'?

What can we do to 'become one'?

*"... If ye cannot fully agree on all the points of the law, be patient and be not contentious; so far as you can agree work together without heat, confusion, or malice.*

*Ye are equal in worth of place and position and place in the work of the church: and if in honor ye shall prefer one another, ye will not strive for precedence or place in duty or privilege, and shall be blessed of me."* (D&C 122)\*

*"Let nothing separate you from each other and the work whereunto you have been called; and I will be with you by my Spirit and presence of power until the end. Amen."* (D&C 122:17b) \*

\*Counsel given to the elders (April 15, 1894), but would apply to all.

