

## “We Champion LOVE”

Series: Itawamba Christian Church: Who We Are?

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Our quest to review the ideals of Congregations like ICC is coming to an end. We have been focusing on Foundational Ideals that help shape the day to day congregational life: Unity, Authority, Simplicity.

Slogan: In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials, Liberty; in all Things, Love

“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. <sup>3</sup>For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” <sup>4</sup>For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup>so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed <sup>9</sup>and, moreover, that the **Gentiles** might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

“Therefore I will praise you among the **Gentiles**; I will sing the praises of your name.” <sup>10</sup>Again, it says, “Rejoice, you **Gentiles**, with his people.” <sup>11</sup>And again, “Praise the Lord, all you **Gentiles**; let all the peoples extol him.” <sup>12</sup>And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the **Gentiles** will hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:1-13

### 1. Some Biblical Ideas make up the \_\_\_\_\_ of what it means to be a Christ-follower.

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:4-6

### 2. Some Biblical ideas allow Christ-followers to be \_\_\_\_\_.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:7

#### Paul’s Explanation of Christ’s Acceptance of Us:

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“Therefore, I will praise you among the **Gentiles**; I will sing the praises of your name.” Romans 15:8-9

### 3. Whether Core Ideas or Ideas with Flexibility, All must be handled with \_\_\_\_\_.

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Unity:	“We are Not the only Christians, But we are Christians Only”
Authority:	“No creed but Christ, no book but the Bible, no law but love, no name but the divine.”
Simplicity:	“Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; Where the Scripture is silent, we are silent”
Love:	“In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials, Liberty; in all Things, Love”

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