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Unity: We hear the word *unity* or one of its other forms often, but how do we define unity? Is it "a state of being one"? Is it "a whole or totality as combining all its parts into one"? Is it "oneness of mind, feeling, etc., as among a number of persons"? Is it "concord, harmony, or agreement"? Yes to all of these! No matter how you define it, the concept of oneness permeates.

As we think of unity in terms of oneness, let us not mistake oneness for uniformity. We see a perfect example of unity that all Christians should aspire to in the Shema: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deut. 6:4). Scripture and Reformed theology clearly teach the oneness of God, and, at the same time, teach that the oneness of God is manifested (clearly revealed) in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—a unity.

God's example of oneness and unity must be our example: We are each a distinct "one," and we must live in unity!

The ministry of Race Relations seeks to promote racial diversity and unity equally and justly. In one of his sermons, Dr. Martin Luther King said, in essence, that peace becomes obnoxious when there is an absence of justice. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" As Christians, we should not let our living in unity become obnoxious because of the absence of justice.

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