

Romans 15:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Analysis

That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God (ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεόν, hina homothymadon en heni stomati doxazēte ton theon)—The purpose (hina) of unity (v. 5) is doxology. Homothymadon (with one accord, unanimously) appears frequently in Acts to describe the early church's Spirit-produced unity. En heni stomati (with one mouth) likely refers to corporate worship, particularly united praise and prayer. The weak and strong together, Jewish and Gentile believers united, create a multi-vocal yet harmonious chorus glorifying God—a foretaste of Revelation 7:9-10's multi-ethnic worship.

Even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, kai patera tou kyriou hēmōn Iēsou Christou)—God is glorified specifically as the Father of Jesus. This is trinitarian doxology: the Father is glorified through and in relation to the Son. United worship that honors the Father and acknowledges Jesus as Lord simultaneously glorifies both, reflecting the Son's own mission (John 17:1, 4). The goal of Christian ethics is not merely horizontal harmony but vertical worship.

Historical Context

Corporate worship was central to early Christian identity. In the Greco-Roman context where religious and social divisions were rigid, united worship of Jews and Gentiles was radically counter-cultural. Paul envisions worship as the culmination

of ethics: right living leads to right praise. This verse shaped Christian liturgical tradition's emphasis on unity in corporate worship.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does corporate worship in your church reflect (or fail to reflect) the unity across differences that Paul envisions?
2. In what ways might disunity in your Christian community hinder your ability to glorify God 'with one mouth'?
3. How should the goal of unified doxology shape your interactions with believers from different backgrounds or convictions?

Interlinear Text

ἵνα	ὁμοθυμαδὸν	ἐν	ἐνὶ	στόματι	δοξάζητε	τὸν	θεὸν
That	with one mind	and	one	mouth	glorify	G3588	God
G2443	G3661	G1722	G1520	G4750	G1392		G2316

καὶ	πατέρα	τοῦ	κυρίου	ἡμῶν	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ
even	the Father	G3588	Lord	of our	Jesus	Christ
G2532	G3962		G2962	G2257	G2424	G5547

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 1:6 (References God): And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Acts 4:24 (References God): And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

Ephesians 1:3 (References Jesus): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

2 Corinthians 11:31 (References Jesus): The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

1 Peter 1:3 (References Jesus): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

John 20:17 (References Jesus): Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Acts 4:32 (Parallel theme): And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

2 Corinthians 1:3 (References Jesus): Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;