The Price Of Unity
(Matthew 10:34-36)

Introduction: 1. We have now discussed the prayer for unity, the plan for unity, and now in this lesson, we will examine the price of unity.
2. What will it cost us personally to attain and maintain unity in the body of Christ?

I. What Price We Should Not Be Willing To Pay For Unity
A. The sacrifice of truth.
1. (Proverbs 23:23) Buy the truth and do not sell it.
2. (Matthew 10:34-36).
3. People today have streamlined Christianity by reducing all of its virtues to one - unity.
4. “Ecumenism” is the accepted “ism” of the day.
5. (John 8:32) The truth shall make you free.
6. (Jude 3) Truth must be defended.

II. What Price We Should Be Willing To Pay For Unity
A. My personal ease.
1. We cannot ever learn to be content with disunity.
2. We must work to eradicate it (Ephesians 4:3).
B. My pride.
1. Being slighted sometimes brings an end to unity because of our pride.
2. (Job 1:9).
3. We need to learn to serve God for nothing.
C. My preference.
1. The church is a place where everyone can have their say, but no one can always get their way.
2. (Romans 14,15).

Conclusion: 1. Brethren, we need to be united - for our sake as well as the world’s.
2. God has told us what he wants, has shown us how to achieve it, now it falls upon us to love the church enough and to respect the wishes of Christ enough to see to it that we are united.