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*'Imagine there's no countries*

*It isn't hard to do*

*Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too*

*Imagine all the people living life in peace.*

*You may say I'm a dreamer,*

*but I'm not the only one.*

*I hope someday you may join us*

*And the world will be as one.'*

**John Lennon**

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*‘When one makes a Revolution, one cannot mark time; one must always go forward – or go back. He who now talks about “the freedom of the press” goes backward, and halts our headlong course towards Socialism.’*

**Vladimir Lenin**

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c) The Holy Spirit – Created Option

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***‘But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations....***

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***...His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him both have access to the Father by one Spirit.'***

**Ephesians 2:13-18**

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### i) The Effort Needed for us to Get On

***“If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there. First go and be reconciled to them; then come offer your gift.”***

**Matthew 5: 23-24**

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  - iii) **The Attitudes Needed for us to Get On**

***‘Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.’***

**Ephesians 4:2**

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  - iv) The Foundation Needed for us to Get On**

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*'We must assert that there can be only one Christian family, only one Christian faith, hope and baptism, and only one Christian body, because there is only one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You can no more multiply churches than you can multiply gods...'*

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*...Is there only one God? Then he has only one church. Is the unity of God inviolable? Then so is the unity of the church. The unity of the church is as indestructible as the unity of God himself. It is no more possible to split the church than it is possible to split the Godhead.*

**John Stott**

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***‘But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)***

**Ephesians 4:7-10**

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***‘And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!’***

**Philippians 2:8**

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*‘Christians had within their belief system the strongest possible resource for practicing sacrificial service, generosity and peace-making. At the very heart of their view of reality was a man who died for his enemies, praying for their forgiveness. Reflection on this could only lead to a radically different way of dealing with those who were different from them...’*

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*..It meant that they could not act in violence and oppression toward their opponents. It was following the example of Jesus and especially the self-sacrifice of Jesus in dying for his enemies that led the early Christians to not only care for those who were inside the church, but to reach out in self-giving and self-sacrificial love to those outside the church.'*

**Timothy Keller**

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*'I think that when the poor happened to be neglected and overlooked by the [pagan] priests, the impious Galileans observed this and devoted themselves to benevolence. The impious Galileans support not only their own poor, but ours as well, everyone can see that our people lack aid from us.'*

**Emperor Julian**

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