

Struggles with Christian living—Unity

The “big swing” of the Bible story

- creation to new creation
- “the fall is a fall (from relationship) into isolation”. – Brian Brock

Unity is our salvation story (Eph 2:11-22)

But what IS unity...?

- Trinitarian relationship (John 17:20-24)
- Drawing one another towards the centre, who is Jesus.

...and what can we do about it?

- connection is valuable even when it's hard (Ephesians 4)
- connection means actively working to grow unity
- unity undercuts an individualist worldview
- the call to unity should be kept as simple as possible
- unity is a unity of identity but also purpose (1 Corinthians 12)