

## **A The original unity.**

### **❖ Made to love.**

- God created everything and declared it to be “very good” (Genesis 1:31). The Earth, the animals and humans interacted with one another in harmony.
- The image of God was made of two people, man and woman. They were created together in the image of God. That’s unity with love as its foundation (1 John 4:8)

## **B Unity is broken.**

### **❖ From Adam to the Flood.**

- The sin of Adam and Eve disrupted the harmony, unity and love between man and woman, mankind and Creation, and mankind and God.
  - (1) The man blamed the woman (Genesis 3:12)
  - (2) Nature became corrupted (Genesis 3:17-18)
  - (3) Cain killed Abel (Genesis 4:8)
  - (4) Mankind became totally corrupted (Genesis 6:5)
  - (5) The Flood almost put an end to human history (Genesis 6:7)
- However, God chose a Remnant (Noah and his family) and gave mankind a second chance. The rainbow reminds us that God still wants to fulfill his original plan for us.

### **❖ The Tower of Babel.**

- Humans tried to achieve unity without God. That led to worship of idols and self-exaltation.
- God stopped that false unity by creating a variety of languages.

## **C Restoring unity.**

### **❖ God calls Abraham.**

- Abraham is the father of all believers. We can learn some basic concepts of unity among Christians from his example:
  - (1) He was obedient.
  - (2) His hope was set on God’s promises.
  - (3) He believed that God would fulfill His promise; of having offspring like the stars in the sky.
  - (4) He trusted God’s plan of salvation.

### **❖ Israel is chosen.**

- God chose Israel as His people because He loved them. They hadn’t done anything that could qualify them to be chosen (Deuteronomy 7:7-8)
- The Christian Church is the new Israel. We must understand that we have nothing of which to boast before Him. God chose us to be one with Him because He loves us (Galatians 3:28)