### It Promotes Unity Despite One's Difference In Matters of Faith or Doctrine.

- The Grace-Unity Movement teaches that grace is the basis for unity, and this idea is referred to as "Unity in Diversity."
- However, the kind of unity that God desires us to have is based upon the truth contained in the word of God. (Ref. John 17:20-21; Galatians 1:6-9, 2:4-5; 2 John 9-11)

### It Makes A Distinction Between The Gospel and Doctrine.

- The Grace-Unity Movement says that the "Gospel" refers only to the good news about Jesus Christ (i.e. His death, burial, and resurrection), and that the acceptance of this assures salvation, and therefore fellowship should extend to all who accept this.
- However, the New Testament does not make such a distinction, and they often link both the gospel and doctrine together in regard to salvation and fellowship. (Ref. Romans 1:15-16, 6:15-18, 16:17-18; Galatians 1:6-9, 1 Timothy 1:10-11; 2 John 9-11)

#### It Promotes A Tolerance of Sin and Error.

- The Grace-Unity Movement proponents and followers overlook sin and error, instead of rebuking and exposing it, contending that God accepts those in it by grace.
- However, the Bible teaches that sin and error must not be ignored, and that it is to be rebuked and exposed.
   (Ref. Acts 8:21-23; 1 Corinthians 5:1-6; Ephesians 5:11)

It Extends Fellowship Beyond What

#### The Scriptures Permit.

- The Grace-Unity Movement teaches that doctrine does not affect salvation, and it is therefore not a matter of salvation. Therefore, proponents and followers of this movement extend the right hand of fellowship to anyone who believes the core gospel of Christ, no matter what their belief and practice is concerning doctrine.
- However, the New Testament teaches that there are bounds of fellowship, and when we extend the bounds of fellowship beyond what the Scriptures teach we give our approval to those in error, and become a partaker of their sin. (Ref. Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 5:9-11; Ephesians 5:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 1 John 1:5-7; 2 John 9-11)

### It Is A False Teaching of Men That Causes <u>Division and Destruction.</u>

- The Grace-Unity Movement is a false teaching that promotes error concerning the grace of God, and unity according to the Scriptures, and although the proponents of this movement deny any error, they are false teachers who deceive some, and cause division among others.
- However, the Bible warns us to beware of false teachers, and to put our confidence in God and not in men. (Ref. 2 Peter 2:1-2; 1 John 4:1; Acts 5:29)

#### **God's Plan of Salvation**

- Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)
- Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24)
- Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)
- Confess Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-10)
- Be baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins. (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27-29)
- Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)