

HOW TO SHARE UNITY BELIEFS WITH OTHERS

In Unity, we respect other people's thoughts and opinions. Every belief is valid, especially to the person holding the belief. We avoid arguing and telling people they are wrong.

Unconditional Love is the foundation of our beliefs and we are sympathetic and sensitive to others' ideas and points of view. We don't try to make others wrong.

It is important to being conversations in a friendly and accommodating manner to ease tension. Being pushy or reactionary does not work. Many people's belief systems are engrained at an early age, and beliefs are often emotional.

To communicate effectively, you must be:

1. Calm
2. Confident
3. Caring

Trying to prove others wrong does not work!

Fear of rejection and being misunderstood is a common feeling that keeps us from sharing.

We process information more deeply, thoroughly and thoughtfully when we share it. When you share what you know, it becomes more grounded within you.

Don't take it personally when other people disagree with you!

Probing & Non-threatening Questions

- Are you open to looking at ideas that are different from yours?
- Do you enjoy discussing a variety of ideas and opposing points of view?
- Are you willing to consider a different interpretation?
- Do you feel that the Bible can only be interpreted literally?
- Have you ever considered that the Bible has a lot of symbolism?

What to Say When Asked Closed-ended Questions

Are you saved (whole, happy & well)?

Answer: *Yes.*

How do you know?

Answer: *Christ is in me, and I am constantly growing and changing.*

Do you attend a Bible believing church?

Answer: *Unity is based upon the (positive & practical) teachings of Jesus.*

Are you a Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, etc.?

Answer: *Unity is an interdenominational church.*

What does that mean?

Answer: *Unity is a diverse and inclusive community which accepts people from any spiritual or religious background. We are “non-condemnational!”*

Do you believe that Jesus is the only way?

Answer: *Interestingly, Jesus did not use the word **only**; he simply said he is the way, truth and life. And he is, but so are **we**. We believe the way of God is unconditional love. When I respond with compassion to the world, I am showing the way of God just like Jesus. God is bigger than all the religions, working with all of us according to our culture and spiritual understanding. The only commandment Jesus gave was to love both God and your neighbor. If I make love a priority, I become a living example of Jesus’s teachings.*

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior?

Answer: That phrase is not mentioned in the Bible as a requirement, but I have accepted the teachings of Jesus and use them in my life. I have a personal relationship with God that works for me!

How do you know if you will go to heaven when you die?

Answer: There are different ideas about what or where heaven is, but I know that the grace of God is sufficient to make sure I end up where I need to be!

JOHN 8:32

You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

MARK 16:15

And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel (good news) to every creature.'

EPHESIANS 4:15

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

II CORINTHIANS 5:18,19

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation, to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the Word of reconciliation.