

**Sermon Summary**  
**7<sup>th</sup> of Easter 2013**  
**12<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

- This is the week when we customarily pray for Christian unity.
- One of the major impulses towards increased ecumenism was the 1910 Edinburgh Mission Conference.
- Missionaries asked why they were competing with each other in the task of evangelisation.
- Their questions have led to the Lausanne Movement and the World Council of Churches.
- We are all aware of how much more Christians of different traditions speak and work together.
- But what kind of unity do we seek?
- It is not uniformity- for the Christian church, even in the NT, never knew a time of complete uniformity. There has always been a degree of diversity.
- No, the unity that we are asked to have is exemplified by the unity which binds Jesus to his Father, and the Spirit to them both.
- The call to Christian unity calls each of us to be as obedient to the Father as Jesus was- and that obedience to the Father brings with it the kind of unity which will bind us together in his name.

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