



**Sugar Grove
Church of Christ**
FOR GOD & FOR NEIGHBOR

Diversity

Theology

At Sugar Grove Church of Christ, we recognize that diversity is God's intended design of creation and His kingdom.¹ This diversity is first revealed in the Triune nature of God, which also reflects the perfect unity desired amongst the community of God's people.² We believe that God has always called His people to be a blessing to all nations, without discrimination, and a visible expression of His kingdom.³ We believe that because of sin, exclusion and division can pollute a community.⁴ These effects of sin can only be reversed through the cross and the gifting of the Holy Spirit.⁵ Therefore, citizens of His Kingdom live without discrimination and seek a united diversity through the power and gifting of the Holy Spirit.⁶

1. Genesis 1:1-2:1; Psalm 148:1-13; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 13:1-3, 46-48; Revelation 7:9
2. Deuteronomy 6:4-5; John 10:30; 1 Corinthians 3:16; John 14:16, 18, 23
3. Genesis 28:14; Leviticus 19:33-34; Isaiah 56:7; Ephesians 2:13-22; 3:6, 10-11; Romans 1:16-17; Acts 10:34-48; Acts 15:1-35; Luke 4:16-30; Luke 10:25-37; Revelation 7:9-12
4. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Romans 16:17-18; Titus 3:9-11
5. Acts 2:17-21, 38-39; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-13; Ephesians 4:1-10
6. Galatians 3:28; James 2:1-13; John 8:1-11

Philosophy

In response to the cross and the gifting of the Holy Spirit, the elders of Sugar Grove Church of Christ affirm the calling to pursue and demonstrate unified diversity through a body richly diverse in gender, race, economic status, and age.

Practice

At Sugar Grove Church of Christ, we will honor God by worshiping Him in a unified voice, made up of a wide range of expressions, stories, and experiences. We will also be a blessing to our neighbors, without discrimination of any kind, in hopes of seeing the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.