

THE JOY
OF BEING
ONE
PEOPLE

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WORD OF LIFE

«God will dwell with them
and they will be his people»

Rev 21:3

From the commentary of Chiara Lubich
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Under the magnifying glass...

The Word of Life this month gives
us great encouragement.

**If we want to be part of God's
people, we have to allow him to
live among us.**

But how is this possible? What
can we do to experience
something of the joy that will be
ours forever, when we go to see
God face to face?

This is exactly what Jesus
revealed to us. He came to
communicate to us his life of love
with the Father, so that we can
live it, too.

This Word of Life tells us
that we Christians can
have God dwelling with
us. However,
there are certain
things required
of us: **we have
to live according
to the will of
God, love others
as Jesus loved,
live mutual love,
have such accord
in thought and
feeling that we reach
a harmony that
"unites, and contains
the Son of God."**



**Jesus continues
to be present,
even though he is no
longer physically
on earth.
He dwells among
those who live
the new
commandment
of mutual love,
the law that
makes them
a people, the
people of God.
This Word of Life
is therefore
an urgent call
to witness,
through loving,
to the presence of God.**

It's up to us Christians to show the
world **one single people** made up of
every ethnic group, race and culture,
adults and children, just one people
to whom we can apply the words
said of the first Christians, "**Look at
how they love one another and
are ready to give their lives for
one another.**"

**The key to having God
live among us
is found in the
teachings of Jesus.
In fact, St. John says,
"If we love one another,
God remains in us."**



That's what
happened to...

Ernesto
(Caribbean)



I went with my friend Daxel, who is also
part of the Young for Unity in my city, to a
birthday party for another friend who was
turning 15. Her house was very far away and
we had to walk a long way.

At a certain point in the party, I heard
some loud laughing in another part of the
house and I was curious to see what was
going on – I wanted to join in the fun! I
found everyone out on the balcony of the
house and they were pointing and laughing
at a man on the street who was so drunk he
couldn't stand up. I immediately went to get
Daxel, who didn't realize what was going on,
and told him we had to go downstairs. When
we got close to the man, we realized he was
very big and heavy and it was hard to get
him on his feet. The others were yelling
down at us, telling us to leave him there, that
he gets drunk all the time.

But for me he was Jesus and that's all.
He was very happy and thanked us, but I
told him, "You have to thank God!" **When
we went back upstairs to the party,
everyone looked at us in amazement, and
then they started to applaud!** We were so
happy that we had been able to give witness
to our love for each and every person.

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