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There is an overarching and ultimate reality that we all agree on, and that overarching reality is what unites us even in the midst of our disagreements.

What is the book of life? (Rev. 20:12-15)

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Our calling, as brothers and sisters in Christ is for each one of us, to take responsibility for the unity of our brothers and sisters in Christ and to promote both togetherness and agreeableness.

2 Questions of Application

1. Are you in a disagreement with a brother or sister in Christ that has caused tension or even separation? If so, Christ is calling you to trust in his preparatory work and go be reconciled to them.
2. Do you know of anyone who is currently at odds with another brother or sister in Christ? If so, Christ is calling you to approach them and to plead with them that they be reconciled to each other.

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