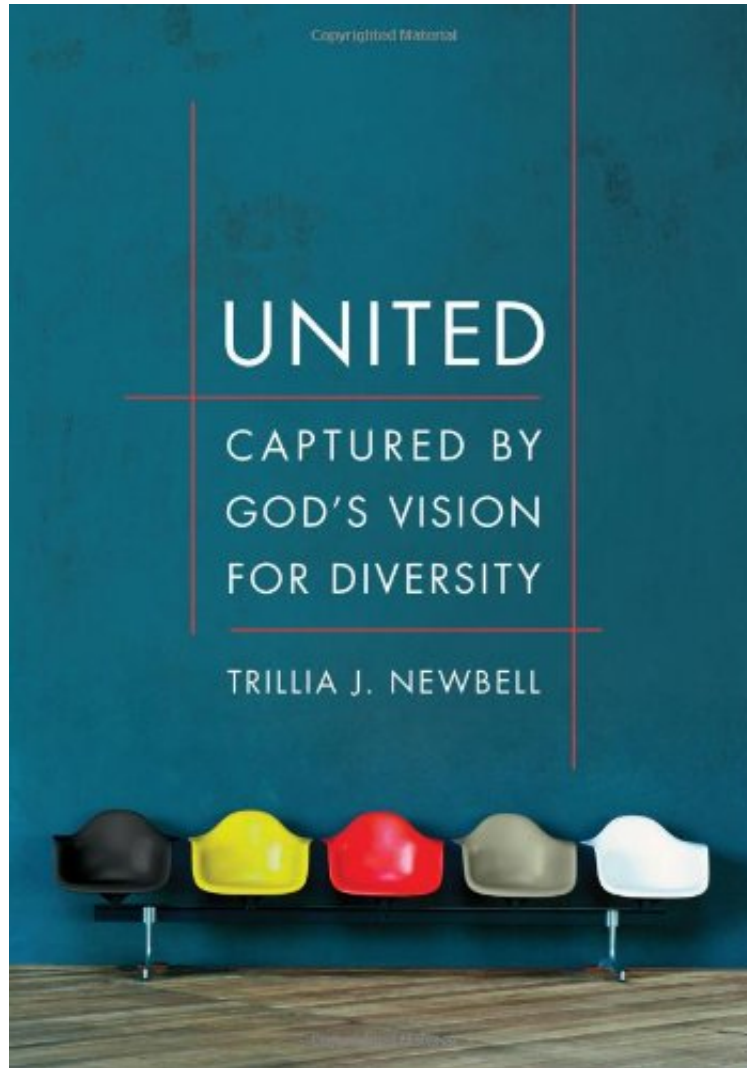


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**Trillia J. Newbell : United: Captured by God's Vision for Diversity** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised United: Captured by God's Vision for Diversity:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Big Title! By Deryk D. Hayes United we stand and, well, you've heard it over and over time and time again; united we stand divided, we fall. I don't believe this is just some cliché that has been passed down from generation to generation, I believe that it is a truth. In fact it's a truth that we find in our public and, some private school systems, it's a truth that we find all week long in the work place. Yet, it is a truth that we tend to conveniently ignore so well on Sunday mornings. For the last ten weeks I've dropped my mother off at the church that I'm most familiar with, most comfortable with. After all, 34 years of my life has been spent at this church. I

met my best friends there in the nursery, I was baptized there, met and married my wife there, preached my very first sermon there, first served in full time ministry there, witnessed my oldest daughter baptized there but the last ten weeks I've dropped my mother off, walked her through the front door, turned back around, got into my car, drove my family and I five minutes into what is considered "downtown Rockford" and I engage in corporate worship with my brothers and sisters at the Morning Star Church who don't look like me, walk like me, talk like me, dress like me, and often don't clap on the same beat as me (in some instances as one another, j/k our clapping on the 1/2 beat is coming right along). The elders and leadership of this church graciously extended to me an invitation to serve as a pastoral intern for four months. So here I am in the most uncomfortable place I've ever been in and it happens to be among the people of God. For whatever reason, we love one another and although uncomfortable at times week after week God my convictions concerning diversity is deepening in the Gospel! So Trillia writes this book and it must be God's timing! I'm reading this joint (joint as in this book) and I'm like yo, this sista is on point. Now let me take a few steps back for just a minute. The first time I had read anything from Trillia it was the most brilliant protest with a pen that had ever been written about foolishness that plagues my community. Long story short, there was going to be a series aired on national television about this hip-hop artist who had fathered a number of different children out of wedlock by a number of different young ladies. It was foolish. But, after Trillia's article I was an instant fan of her writing. As big as that title was for me, UNITED is so much bigger. So much more needed. There are some titles that you hold dear to you for different reasons and different seasons in your life. As I move forward, seeking God's will for my life, I have this developing desire to lead as a preaching and teaching under shepherd along with a diverse plurality of under shepherds and one of the tools that I now have to take with me along this journey is this big title..... UNITED CAPTURED BY GOD'S VISION FOR DIVERSITY! Thank you Trillia for this much needed book Embracing God's Grace, Deryk D. Hayes

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A beautiful picture of God's plan for diversity By Courtney Reissig

The subject of race has been a polarizing topic in our country for longer than any of us have been alive. In many ways, the lasting effects of the racism that divided us are still entrenched in many communities. If we move into the church, we find that even among God's people, diversity and freedom from race division is still a longed for reality. How should God's people think about diversity in light of our history and his word? What does diversity in relationships look like? How does the fact that we bear God's image play into our thinking about diversity and race? Trillia Newbell enters this conversation with grace, conviction, and passion. Through her own story of longing for diversity, worshipping as a minority in her own local church, and subsequently finding diversity through two dear friends, she shows us God's plan for making a people for himself from every tribe, tongue, and nation. It truly is a beautiful sight to behold. Newbell speaks not only to subject of race, but very real issues in our own hearts as we think through relationships with people who are different than us. As a chronic man-fearer, I was convicted and encouraged to not look to myself in situations of fear and self-awareness, but to look to the God who secures my identity in Christ. Through her personal story of diverse friendships, she shows us that God's plan for diversity often comes to us through relationship. It is in community with other believers that we grow in Christ but also grow in our understanding of how uniquely different we all are. It is easy to gravitate towards the people who are like us and pull away from the ones who are different, even if they share our skin color. But Trillia shows us that because of our standing as image bearers of God, and now his children through Christ, we have more in common than we tend to realize. United is a refreshing read for anyone who longs to see the biblical promise fulfilled that God is securing a people for himself from every tribe and tongue. I know I do. Which is why reading United ignited my passion once again not only for diversity, but to see God's name declared throughout the world.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book on a crucial topic. By Jeremy Scott

Trillia Newbell shares her story in this book. She shares her background, her path to embracing diversity, and how diversity has become a large part of her theological framework. Reading her thoughts on diversity and the church proved to be thought provoking and engaging. What was particularly refreshing for me to read was her view of the church and the importance of diversity within the church. She is clearly biblically grounded in her understanding of what the church should be like. The church should be comprised of diversity and unity. Newbell makes this point very clear in her book and she skillfully shows how those two concepts are completely compatible. This is a good book. If thinking about diversity from a theological perspective is a new venture for you, this book will be of great help as you begin that important journey. And if you have been thinking about racial (or ethnic) diversity within the context of the local church for a long time now, this book will give you a new perspective from which to think through the issues.

What's the view from where you worship—racially diverse or racially monochrome? On the Last Day every tongue and tribe will be represented in the glorious chorus praising God with one voice. Yet today our churches remain segregated. Can we reflect the beauty of the last day this day? United will inspire, challenge, and encourage readers to pursue the joys of diversity through stories of the author's own journey and a theology of diversity lived out. It's time to capture a glimpse of God's magnificent creativity. In the pages of United, Trillia Newbell reveals the deeply moving, transforming power of knowing—really knowing—someone who is equal yet unique. As we learn to identify in Christ rather than in our commonalities, we begin to experience the depth and power of gospel unity.

Jim Crow is dead; Jesus Christ is alive. But like a zombie, the spirit of Jim Crow keeps walking. The answer is a gospel that is as big as the Kingdom of Christ. Trillia Newbell, one of the most powerful young voices in evangelical Christianity, asks us to imagine what it would look like if reconciliation were more than rhetoric and programs but a Christ-shaped vision of an empty tomb that casts out fear, hate, and division. Russell D. Moore, president, Ethics Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention Meet Trillia Newbell. Warm. Gracious. Clear. Honest. Realistic. Friendly. And eager to see the Lord's Church united across ethnic lines. In *United* she has a surprisingly simple but profound idea: Racial unity happens through friendship. By the time you're finished with this book you'll think Trillia is an old friend, you'll be ready to make new friends with people not like you, and you'll want to stick with it until meaningful diversity in the body of Christ happens—all because of the gospel. Thabiti Anyabwile, senior pastor, First Baptist Church of Grand Cayman Here is a voice that brings us together, a testimony that encourages, and an aspiration that is contagious. Trillia Newbell does so many things well at the same time in this book that it is hard to articulate them all. She invites you into a fruitful conversation about the beautiful unity in multiethnic diversity that the church is meant to experience and be and manifest. Her skillfully told and deeply moving stories from the past and present are heartbreakingly real and joy-givingly hopeful. This kind of unity does not happen; gospel unity in the church is the gift and work of God's grace by His Spirit, but it also requires a deliberate response and embrace on our part. Trillia inspires me here, and evokes in me a holy hope for what can (and should) be. I think she will for you, too. Ligon Duncan, chancellor, Reformed Theological Seminary, John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology, Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi *United* encourages a pursuit of unity in the midst of our diversity as believers. Trillia's personal story of fighting for unity in the body of Christ, points to a greater story of oneness that has been purchased for us by Christ's blood regardless of our ethnic, socioeconomic or cultural makeup. The message of pursuing diversity in the local gathering is timely, challenging, and necessary in order to fulfill God's vision of that glorious multicultural worship service when "every tribe and language and people and nation" will be before God's throne crying out with one voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!" Blair Linne, spoken word artist and conference speaker Trillia writes with abundant grace, while firmly and unapologetically calling the church to examine her perception of race in the body of Christ. She asks tough questions and encourages thoughtful introspection as she offers personal stories, biblical support, and compelling insight into historical and demographic realities. This is a theology of diversity, and it is an important read for anyone who desires to tear down the walls we've built up to keep one another at a distance. Deidra Riggs, managing editor, *The High Calling* *United* is the story of one woman's encounters with ethnicity. It examines how ethnicity and race intersect with living out the gospel in personal relationships and in the body of Christ. The warm, conversational tone makes this book a great resource to read with another Christian who is interested in exploring the intersection between culture and faith in Christ. Kristie Anyabwile, wife of Thabiti Anyabwile, First Baptist Church of Grand Cayman Trillia bleeds unity with conviction and she lives unity in her every day. She loves well, she builds bridges and she will lead us to do the same. She is a voice for deeper reconciliation in our generation. Jennie Allen, author of *Restless: Because You Were Made For More* and *Anything: The Prayer that Unlocked My God and My Soul* Race and ethnicity are tough subjects to handle. Trillia treats them with the gravity that they deserve and yet winsomely weaves in her own story of ethnic discoveries and the glories of identity in Christ. As the church continues to wrestle with realizing unity in diversity, Trillia has given us a shot of encouragement with this book. Let's thank her by reading and sharing her story. Anthony Carter, pastor of East Point Church Trillia loves Jesus her Savior and loves the church He saved. Out of that love she tells her story and gives her call for unity in God's diverse family. Diversity is more than a subject for Trillia; it's what she has learned to live. Her words come with graciousness and grace. They are words that all of us in the church need to hear. Kathleen B. Nielson, director of Women's Initiatives, the Gospel Coalition *United* is like a picture of a wedding rehearsal dinner. Trillia shows how the table is set for a feast of grace provided by Jesus, while Christ's multi-ethnic bride, the church, waits for her Bridegroom. Grounded in Scripture, Trillia weaves together stories of precious friendship that are all because of the precious blood of Christ. *United* is a celebration of God's grace in reconciliation where every tribe, tongue, people, and nation are invited. Gloria Furman, cross-cultural worker, author of *Glimpses of Grace* and *Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full* *United* is one woman's attempt to understand issues of race and interpret her own spiritual journey through the lens of Scripture. Trillia's personal story gave me new insight into the struggles and feelings of my African-American brothers and sisters. Meanwhile, the passion with which she pursues relationships with people unlike herself gave me a renewed hope that churches in America will one day resemble more closely the church in all its multifaceted glory. Trevin Wax, managing editor of the Gospel Project, author of *Clear Winter Nights*, *Gospel Centered Teaching* and *Counterfeit Gospels*. Trillia Newbell has written a heartfelt, biblical, and gospel-centered vision of racial unity in the body of Christ. Ultimately, this is Christ's vision. But Trillia has written a clear and strong witness for true Christian unity. Read this book. Share it with your friends. Pray this vision becomes a reality to the glory of God. H.B. Charles, Jr., pastor-teacher of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church Trillia Newbell shares a compelling account of two familiar quests—how to balance ethnic identity with identity in Christ and how to achieve spiritual unity with cultural diversity. For anyone desiring to see the church on earth reflect the church in heaven, *United* gives helpful insights toward realizing this great goal. Dr. Carl Ellis Jr.,

assistant professor of practical theology at Redeemer Seminary and associate pastor at New City Fellowship