

## DWELLING TOGETHER IN UNITY OR ENMITY

### INTRODUCTION:

A. TO DWELL WITH THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN THAT TWILL BE GLORY, TO DWELL WITH THE SAINTS WE KNOW BELOW THAT IS A DIFFERENT STORY.

B. UNITY IS MORE THAN UNION.

C. UNITY IS NOT DUPLICATION.

L. S. - LET US NOTICE THAT . . .

I. UNITY IS GOOD. - PSALM 133:1-3 A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (2) It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; (3) As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

II. UNITY IS PLEASANT. - PSALM 133:1-3 A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (2) It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; (3) As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

III. UNITY TAKES WORK. - EPHESIANS 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

IV. UNITY CAN BE LOST. - EPHESIANS 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

V. UNITY DEMANDS AGREEMENT. - PHILIPPIANS 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

VI. UNITY HAS LIMITS. - EPHESIANS 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism, (6) One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

VII. UNITY PRODUCES STRENGTH. - EPHESIANS 4:11-16 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists;

and some, pastors and teachers; (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

VIII. UNITY OVERCOMES CULTURAL DIFFERENCES. -

GALATIANS 3:26-28 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

IX. UNITY PRODUCES PEACE. - EPHESIANS 2:14-16 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (15) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (16) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

X. UNITY IS THE RESULT OF LOVE AND HUMILITY. -

PHILIPPIANS 2:2-4 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (3) Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (4) Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

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