

Subject: Unity

Text: Psalm 133

Method: Expository

Title: Unity, Briefly Speaking

General Purpose: Expound the need for Bible based unity in Christ.

Specific Purpose: To elaborate on the duty of each Christian to earnestly strive toward Bible based unity.

Thesis Sentence: The concept of unity is endemic to the nature, existence, work, and eternal destiny of the true church.

Introduction: (Psalm 133)

- A. Unity -- Pleasant
 - B. Unity -- Blessing
 - C. Unity -- Life forever more
- I. Need -- Eph 4:1-3 -- Endeavor to unity
- A. Necessary to walking worthy of our vocation - not worthy without it
 - B. Unity and peace go hand in hand; one cannot exist without the other
- II. Benefits
- A. 2 Cor 13:11 -- God will be with you
 - B. 1 Pet 3:8-9 -- Inherit a blessing
 - C. Phil 1:27-28 -- Uphold faith & withstand enemies
- III. Conditions
- A. Rom 12:3-5 -- Humility, sober/serious, cooperation (cf. Jas 4:10; 1 Pet 5:6-7; compare 3 Jn 9-11)
 - B. 1 Pet 3:8-12 -- Compassion, brotherly love (Jn 13:34-35), tenderhearted, courteous, not vengeful (Rm 12:19-ie. 2 Th 1:8; Jude 7), refrain from speaking evil & lies (Rev 21:7-8), turn from evil & do good, seek & pursue peace
 - 1. Gal 6:2-5 -- cooperation & fellowship (cf. 1 Cor 12:24-27)
 - 2. 1 Cor 1:10-13 -- Speak same things/no divisions/fully joined in same mind & judgment

Conclusion: (John 17:21-24)

- A. v.21 -- basis for unity: Christ's & apostles' words
- B. vs. 22-23 -- Brings unity with Christ & Father & Testifies divinity of Christ
- C. vs. 23-24 -- those unified upon the word of Christ will behold the glory of Christ

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