

## **Unity as Brethren**

### **Psalm 133**

#### Main Point:

Knowing why we should be united, pursue greater unity with your brethren in Christ.

1. As brethren in Christ, we should be united with one another.
2. We should be united because it is good and pleasant.
3. We should be united because it is an effective witness for Christ in the world.
4. We should be united because it brings about fruitfulness in our lives.
5. We should be united because Jesus gave up His life for this very purpose.
6. Pursue greater unity with your brethren in Christ.

**Proverbs 6:16-19** <sup>16</sup> These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup> A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup> A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren. (NKJV)

**John 17:20-23** <sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup> "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (NKJV)

**Rhett Dodson** "When the people of God are united, it's a taste of heaven on earth. A united church below experiences the joy of heaven above."

**Exodus 30:22-30** <sup>22</sup> Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup> "Also take for yourself quality spices-- five hundred *shekels* of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty *shekels*), two hundred and fifty *shekels* of sweet-smelling cane, <sup>24</sup> "five hundred *shekels* of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. <sup>25</sup> "And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. <sup>26</sup> "With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; <sup>27</sup> "the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense; <sup>28</sup> "the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. <sup>29</sup> "You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy. <sup>30</sup> "And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister to Me as priests. (NKJV)

**Hosea 14:5-8** <sup>5</sup> I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots like Lebanon. <sup>6</sup> His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon. <sup>7</sup> Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall be revived *like* grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent *shall be* like the wine of Lebanon. <sup>8</sup> "Ephraim *shall say*, 'What have I to do anymore with idols?' I have heard and observed him. I *am* like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me." (NKJV)

**Rhett Dodson** "Unity is like an abundance of water in an arid wilderness. It provides refreshment, spiritual strength, power, and health to the church."

**Philippians 2:3-4** <sup>3</sup> *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. (NKJV)

**Matthew 5:23-24** <sup>23</sup> "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (NKJV)

**1 Corinthians 13:7** <sup>7</sup> [Love] ... believes all things ... (NKJV)