

Why Unity is so Vital

Psalm 133

1. UNITY: Intrinsically Good, v1a

- *reflects God's nature*
 - *a tri-unity of Father, Son, Spirit*
John 10.30; 5.19-23 16.13-15
- *reflects God's mission*
 - *'at-one-ment' John 15.5*

2. UNITY: Experientially Pleasant, v1b

- *hindrances to harmony*
 - grumbling Jas 5.9*
 - passing judgement Rom 14.13*
 - slander Jas 4.11; lies Col 3.9*
 - betrayal Mat 24.10*
 - challenging, irritating Gal 5.26*
 - jealousy, envy Gal 5.26*
 - hatred Mat 24.10; Tit 3.10*
 - biting, devouring Gal 5.15*
 - disunity is always destructive J 10.10*

➤ **helps to harmony**

kindness 1 Thess 5.15

compassion Eph 4.32

equal concern 1 Cor 12.25

encouragement Heb 3.13; 10.25

stimulation Heb 10.26

edification 1 Thess 5.11

teaching, correction Col 3.16

forbearance, forgiveness Col 3.13

acceptance Rom 15.7

hospitality 1 Pet 4.9

prayer Jas 5.16

devotion, honour Rom 12.10

humility 1 Pet 5.5; Rom 12.16

patience 1 Cor 11.3

submission Eph 5.21

3. UNITY: Essential for blessings, v3

- ***giving credence to our witness***
2 Cor 5.17-20; Gal 3.26-28;
John 17.20-23
- ***best environment for new believers***
Acts 6.7; 2.44-27
- ***so much is at stake***
make every effort to maintain unity
Eph 4.3