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Unity

Ps 133 pg 693

INTRO - Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

A.) Religions unity is needed to convince the world that Christ is Gods Son.

B.) Unity among the brethren is certainly to be desired, but not at the sacrifice of nor compromise of the truth.

1.) We cannot alter the scriptures just to keep someone contented.

I. EVILS OF DIVISIONS

A.) Mk 3:24-27 pg #1055

COUNTRIES
1.) partnerships
2.) marriages
3.) The Church
} If divided they will not stand.

a.) If that bond of unity is strong then it cannot be broken.

B.) 1. I Cor 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

a.) Worldly. (~~JAMES 3:16 FOR WHERE ENVYING & STRIFE IS, THERE IS CONFUSION & EVERY EVIL WORK~~)

2.) Rom 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

PAUL'S WAY IS STILL THE BEST FOR DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO THEY serve not the Lord
TRY TO SPLIT A CHURCH.
KEEP AWAY FROM THEM.

a) Jim Jones
b.) Elections

Christ praying

C.) Jn 17:20-21 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they ~~all~~ also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

1.) Christ was praying to God for the apostles and all believers to be of one mind.

D.) James 3:16 For where ~~envying~~ and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

1.) Teamwork is essencial

a.) basketball b.) assembly line c.) tongues

E.) Prov 6:16-19 pg 705 ~~55~~ 1.) ICor 14:33 FOR God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1.) (19) and he that soweth discord among brethren.

II. THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR UNITY

A.) Jn 17:20-23 pg 1144

1.) again (repeat) Christ praying for unity.

B.) I Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1.) Paul pleads for unity.

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C.) Ps 133:1 (Repeat) Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

constantly Bickering will you be Sheep or Goat a Jew

D.) A Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

2) matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

a.) Colt peacemaker

b.) Bible peacemaker (Troubleshooter).

III. WHAT IS THE BASIS OF UNITY ?

A.) MK 7:6-8 pg 1061

1.) teaching commandments of men.

2.) The basis of unity is not theories, ideas, doctrines, traditions nor practices of men.

a.) MK 7:9-13 pg 1061

1.) loophole in law biller gets off.

b.) Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

B.) I Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

a.) If you love God, you will keep his commandments.

2.) John 14:15-24 pg 1140 Rules of the game - Follow the Rules or be kicked out.

3.) II Thess 2:10-12 pg 1258-9

a.) Those that perished had not accepted the love of the truth.

4.) I Thess 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

a.) Car trips - Friction between family.

C.) 1.) Phil 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

a.) To have a chance to get to Heaven, we all have to walk down the same road, following the same road signs.

b.) The same rules apply to us all.

The doctrinals are the same for us all.

2.) II Tim 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished, unto all good works.

a.) Not just those scriptures that you like, but all, even those that condem you if you are doing wrong.

3.) II Tim 4:2-4 pg 1267

a.) Preach the word and be ready and able to rebuke those that want to follow any other teachings.

D.) 1.) I Pet 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

a.) Give God the credit, do not take the glory for yourself.

2.) II Jn 9 whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

a.) If you take some other doctrine, then you are not in unity with each other or God.

II. THERE IS ONE BODY

A.) Eph 4:4-6 pg 1242

1.) "Oneness" - we should all be "one", or in unity, with God.

B.) I Cor 12:12-27 pg 1217

1.) One "body" in Christ - it is a unified body; all parts are connected.

2.) So it feels joy or pain together.

C.) There is one body in the Church; are you a part of that body?