

- IV. THINGS THAT WILL DESTROY UNITY. These things considered negatively:
1. The acceptance of some truth but not the whole truth.
John 16:13; 17:17; 8:32.
 2. If oneness in aim and spirit be lacking. Gen. 13:1-13
Num. 13:1-33
 3. Failure to walk by the same rule and to mind the same thing.
(1) Israel divided by Rehoboam's speech. 1 Kings 12:1-20
 4. Failure to have compassion one of another and to love as brethren.
(1) Compassion: Sorrow or pity excited by the distress or the sorrow of another. 1 Jno. 3:17
Luke 10:31, 32
(2) Love: Matthew 24:12; Romans 13:10.
 5. In the absence of humility and meekness which are elements of bond... There is the presence of pride, arrogance, contention which are separating elements.
Micah 6:8; Zedekiah: 2 Chro. 36:11, 12; Proverbs 8:13.
 6. The absence of forbearance and forgiveness:
(1) Bible teaching on forgiveness: Matt 6:14, 15
Matt. 18:15-17; 18:21, 22; Luke 17:3-5; Matt. 5:23, 24
(2) Some Examples:
(a) The brother in Huntsville, Texas who killed his sister over a nickel they found.
(b) The example of the church in Sayer, Okla.
(c) The fight over the Texas cow.
- V. THE NEED AND THE VALUE OF UNITY:
1. There the Lord commanded the blessing..even life evermore.
 2. Without the unity the Lord requires, there will be no Divine blessing. There will not be the communication of "the life for evermore".
- VI. UNITY NOW DESTROYED: THE RESULT:
1. A divided church
 2. The mission of the church locally, world-wide, frustrated. John 17:20; Luke 22:32
 3. Souls lost in hell forevermore.

UNITY IN THE CONGREGATION

Mark 3:25
Psalms 133:1-3

INTRODUCTION:

1. This Psalm is attributed to David. He may have composed it on the occasion of the coming of the elders to Hebron to anoint him king over all Israel. (2 Sam. 5:1-5)

UP TO THIS POINT:

- (1) Only the tribe of Judah followed David. (2 Sam. 2:3-4)
- (2) The other tribes (Northern) followed Ishbosheth, Saul's crippled son. (2 Sam. 2:8-10)
2. After 7 years the breach between the house of Saul and the house of David was healed. UNITED, DAVID'S KINGDOM PROSPERED GREATLY.
3. VERSE 1 : Two qualities GOOD and PLEASANT do not always go together. Example:
(a) There are many things that are good that are not always pleasant. (Discipline of a child)
(b) There are many things that are pleasant which are not at all good. (Heb. 11:24, 26)
BUT OF THE GRACE OF UNITY, BOTH GOOD AND PLEASANT CAN BE AFFIRMED.

1. UNITY & UNION:

1. Union may, and often does, mean "oneness". The act of uniting two or more things. A consolidated body as the United States of America are often called "The Union."
2. Unity: State of being ONE. Absence of diversity. The blending together of elements of the same kind. The same mind.

11. GOD ENJOINS UNITY ON HIS CHILDREN:

1. It is good for brethren to dwell together in Unity. Psalms 133:1
2. We are to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3
3. We are to come in the unity of the faith. Eph. 4:13

111. THAT IN WHICH UNITY CONSISTS:

1. The acceptance of the whole truth. John 17:20-23
2. Oneness in aim and spirit. Acts 2:1; 1 Cor. 1:10.
3. Walking by the same rule-minding the same things. Phil. 3:16
4. Having compassion one of another, love as brethren. 1 Pet. 3:8
5. Humility Meekness Forbearance Forgiveness
Not proud, Titus 3:2 Col. 3:13 Mark 11:25, 26
Assertive 2 Tim. 2:25
1 Pet. 5:6