

**Psalm 133:1-3** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing-- life forever.



## The Incredible Power of a UNIFIED People!

Someone once remarked that an individual snowflake is pretty but of no real consequence. But let them stick together and watch traffic come to a grinding

halt! When people "stick together" and discover the power of UNIFIED ACTION, watch out! There is no telling what can be accomplished. And when it is a unity that springs from abiding in Christ, *resurrection* power is released!

An unstoppable blessing is unleashed to transform and renew and give new birth. Not even death itself can stand against it.



*Real unity* goes far beyond just agreeing together. Real unity is rooted in a radical and intimate growing relationship to Jesus. It is submitting ALL of our thoughts and feelings and actions and reality into His nail-scarred hands. It is a joyful abandon to the ongoing movement of the Holy Spirit, making *that* our highest treasure. As we grow into unity with God, we grow into unity with one another. And it's here that the miracles really begin to pop.

### Unity is a blessing that invites us to...

... let God **prune the negative stuff** out of our lives (John 15: 1-7)

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... **bear fruit** that endures (e.g. changing lives) and have a **joy** that is full (John 15: 8-11)

... let Jesus be a **friend** who loves us deeply and to be a friend to others in the same, sacrificial love (John 15: 12-17)

... live lives of greater **devotion** and **awe** and **generosity** (Acts 2: 42-45)

... experience greater **favor with our community** (Acts 2: 46-47)

... learn how truly **listening to TRUTH** can lead us into a more **fervent LOVE** for God and others and ourselves (1 Peter 1: 22-23)

... discover how to **walk in the power of the Spirit...**

**Galatians 2:20** <sup>20</sup> "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

God calls us to be **change agents** in this world. We all have varying degrees of influence with people around us. Instead of trying to row the boat in different directions at the same time, let's learn to set our sails **together** and catch the wind of the Spirit, moving us as a Body of Believers into an awesome future. This means we focus our attention on the Captain (Jesus) and carry out His Commands with all diligence. God's ship of NEW LIFE will move more swiftly, more majestically, with a unified presence to heal a broken humanity. And it all begins with YOU, right here, right now...

*Let us know if we can support you in your walk with God.*



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