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**WE WERE MADE TO BELONG DEEPLY TO GOD  
AND TO ONE ANOTHER.**

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**IN THIS CULTURE, IT IS EASIER TO CANCEL  
THOSE WE DISAGREE WITH THAN TO SEEK  
RECONCILIATION.**

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IT'S NOT JUST THE POSSESSION OF  
 UNITY BUT THE UNRELENTING  
 PURSUIT OF IT THAT SHOWS THE  
 WORLD THAT WE BELONG TO CHRIST.

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I. WE HAVE AN  
 INCREDIBLE IMPETUS  
 FOR PURSUING UNITY  
 AS THE PEOPLE OF  
 GOD:

WE ARE GOD'S  
 FAMILY.

Psalm 133:1



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“BEHOLD, HOW GOOD  
 AND PLEASANT IT IS  
 WHEN BROTHERS DWELL  
 IN UNITY!”

Psalm 133:1

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UNITY IS GOOD AND PLEASANT BECAUSE IT REFLECTS THE GLORY AND THE JOY OF THE TRI-UNITY.

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"THE GLORY THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME I HAVE GIVEN TO THEM, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE EVEN AS WE ARE ONE. I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, THAT THEY MAY BECOME PERFECTLY ONE SO THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME AND LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU LOVED ME."

John 17:22-23

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UNITY IS GOOD AND PLEASANT BECAUSE IT HONORS THE INTENT AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF REDEMPTION.

PURSUING UNITY IS WORKING OUT WHAT CHRIST HAS MADE ACTUAL BY HIS BLOOD.

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"SO THEN, YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND ALIENS, BUT YOU ARE FELLOW CITIZENS WITH SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CORNERSTONE, IN WHOM THE WHOLE STRUCTURE BEING JOINED TOGETHER, GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD. IN HIM, YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD BY THE SPIRIT."

Ephesians 2:19-22

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THE GOSPEL NOT ONLY CREATES UNITY BUT IT BECOMES THE MODEL AND THE POWER OUT OF WHICH WE ARE ENABLED TO PERSEVERE IN THE PURSUIT OF UNITY.

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"LET NO CORRUPTING TALK COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTHS, BUT ONLY SUCH AS IS GOOD FOR BUILDING UP, AS FITS THE OCCASION, THAT IT MAY GIVE GRACE TO THOSE WHO HEAR. AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, BY WHOM YOU WERE SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION. LET ALL BITTERNESS AND WRATH AND ANGER AND CLAMOR AND SLANDER BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU, ALONG WITH ALL MALICE. BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AS GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU."

Ephesians 4:29-32

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II. WE HAVE AN AMAZING ANOINTING FOR PURSING AND SPREADING UNITY AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD: THE HOLY SPIRIT.



Psalm 133:2

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“IT IS LIKE THE PRECIOUS OIL ON THE HEAD, RUNNING DOWN THE BEARD, ON THE BEARD OF AARON, RUNNING DOWN ON THE COLLAR OF HIS ROBES!”

Psalm 133:2

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“THE CHURCH CAN AND SHOULD BE A MOTLEY GROUP OF BELIEVERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL, BUT THIS KIND OF UNITY IS COUNTERINTUITIVE TO SINNERS. IT REQUIRES LOVE, PATIENCE AND SELF-CONTROL - ALL CHARACTER QUALITIES WE DON'T NATURALLY HAVE. IF YOU AND I EVER WANT TO EXPERIENCE TRUE UNITY WITH ONE ANOTHER, WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ABUNDANT GRACE IN CHRIST SO THAT WE CAN GIVE THAT SAME GRACE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. AND BECAUSE OF THE CROSS, THAT GRACE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU EVERY MORNING.”

Paul Tripp

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"IT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO FREES OUR HEARTS FROM IRRATIONAL, SELF-DEFENSIVE PREJUDICES SO THAT WE ARE WILLING TO OWN UP TO TRUE *CONVICTIONS* ABOUT CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16). IT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO ENABLES US TO HAVE FAITH IN CHRIST AND TO CRY OUT TO GOD WITH *CONFIDENCE*, 'ABBA, FATHER' (ROMANS 8:15-16). AND IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO BEARS THE FRUIT OF LOVE IN OUR LIVES AND GIVES US A *COMMON CARE* FOR EACH OTHER (GALATIANS 5:22). SO OUR COMMON CONVICTIONS AND CONFIDENCE AND CARE ARE ALL FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEREFORE PAUL CALLS IT THE 'UNITY OF THE SPIRIT.'"

John Piper

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III. WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE ASSURANCE AS WE PURSUE UNITY AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

UNITY IS OUR ETERNAL DESTINY.

Psalm 133:3




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"IT IS LIKE THE DEW OF HERMON, WHICH FALLS ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ZION! FOR THERE THE LORD HAS COMMAND THE BLESSING, LIFE FOREVERMORE."

Psalm 133:3

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UNITY NOW IS JUST THE FORETASTE OF ETERNITY WHERE WE WILL BE ENJOYING UNINTERRUPTED COMMUNITY WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE LORD FOREVER.

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