

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds -God's People & Unity (Psalm 133)

- Ps 133 is about unity – those who “live together” as “brothers” (v.1)
- Even David, as great as a king did not realize this ideal in his kingdom
- No way to date Psalm 133: likely from the crowning of David at Hebron

I. The Blessing of Unity

- 1) Unity is a gift from God: anointing with oil, running down
- 2) Unity is for the small and great: dew of Mt Herman falling on Mt. Zion
- 3) The blessing of unity flows from one person to another (Ex. 30:22-24)
- 4) Unity is a foretaste of heaven: “life forevermore” v.3

II. The Absence of True Unity Among Humanity

- True unity cannot be attained by fallen man because he is at war with God

III. True Unity: Found in God's Redeemed Community -- the Church

- God created man to be in relationship (Gen 2:18): sin broke it (3:6)
- Jesus' High Priestly Prayer – He prayed for Unity (John 17:20-23)

IV. Church in Acts: Blueprint for Every New Covenant Church

- 1). The Apostles' teaching: Acts 2:42; 4:33
- 2) The Fellowship: Acts 2:42; 4:32, 34
- 3) The Worship of God: Acts 2:46
- 4) Evangelism: Acts 2:47; Acts 4:31

V. The Heavenly Reality

- V.3 God bestows “*life forevermore*” (*Heb 12:22; 13:14; Rev 21:21-22:6*)