Called to Share in Christ's Glory Part-2

You and I are **called to share in the glory God** that's unveiled in Christ Jesus! Our obedient faith in God is a huge part of that revealed glory, just as Jesus trusted in His Heavenly Father to be glorified in His Son. This message is meant to go deep into your heart – even your subconscious mind where we live and move and have our being – to change the way we view life and affect our actions and words. **Christ's glory in us begins with unity.**

The Importance of Unity

Unity is a much needed quality in life that we need all to operate in and promote. It is most important in our personal lives, in families, & in assemblies like churches, businesses and nations. Describing **unity among our fellow believers**, **Psalm 133:1-3 TPT** says, "How truly wonderful and delightful to see brothers and sisters living together in sweet unity! **2.** It's <u>as precious as the sacred scented oil</u> flowing from the head of the high priest Aaron, dripping down upon his beard and running all the way down to the hem of his priestly robes. **3.** This heavenly harmony can be compared to the dew <u>dripping down from the skies upon Mount Hermon</u> ("Mount Zion", Psa. 29:6), refreshing the mountain slopes of Israel. **For from this realm of sweet harmony God will release His eternal blessing, the promise of life forever!"**

The Lord is revealing not only the blessedness of unity among the saints, but also **oneness with our great High Priest**, Jesus Christ, through Whom we have His blessing of life forevermore!

SFLB KD "POWER OF UNITY" "In the sight & perspective of God, it is a wonderful thing for brothers & sisters to dwell together in unity. As it is true for families, it is even more so for spiritual relationships. Throughout the Bible, high priority is given to the subject of spiritual unity. For example, just before His death, our Lord Jesus prayed fervently to His Father that His followers would be brought to complete unity – like the relationship He had with His Father. The Book of Acts documents how this wonderful spiritual relationship between brothers & sisters came into being after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. True spiritual unity flows from the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people. Indeed, it is very good & pleasant for our Lord's children to live together in deep spiritual unity."

What God Hates (i.e. Ananias & Saphira's lying tongues)

Of the 7 things that God hates in <u>Prov. 6:16-19</u>, the 7th one is "...one who sows discord [strife, deception] among brethren."

V. 14 NKJV says this is 1 of the signs of a wicked man: "Perversity is in his heart, he devises evil continually, he sows discord."

The Key to Unity - Experiencing the Imparted Glory of God

John 17:20-24 TPT Jesus praying for all believers: "20. And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in Me through their message. 21. I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one [Jesus prayed for birth of the church, Jewish & Gentile believers]. I pray for them to become one with (or "in") us so that the world will recognize that you sent Me. 22. For the very glory you have given to Me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy. 23. You live fully in Me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity ["Aramaic is "shrink into one". When we see Jesus in one another, our vaunted opinions of ourselves will shrink."], and the world will be convinced that you have sent Me, for they will see* that you love each of them with the same passionate love that You have for Me." *God's love for us should create a visible unity that the world sees and comes to realize our oneness w/ Christ. If it isn't happening yet, it's because we aren't living "perfectly unified" yet What does "they will see" mean? Signs, wonders, acts of love +....

Seated with Christ in Heavenly Places Now

24. Father, I ask that you allow everyone that You have given to Me to be with Me where I am [John 3:13 TPT "No one has risen into the heavenly realm except the Son of Man who also exists in heaven." TPT note: "Jesus shares a secret with Nicodemus. While He was on the earth ministering, Jesus was also in heaven in the spirit realm. Being in two places at the same time is also the privilege given to every believer. We are seated with Christ in the heavenly realm and living our earthly life to please Him. This is what it means to be "in Christ."! In the realm of the Spirit heaven and earth is one. Jesus is telling Nicodemus that only those who are seated in the heavenly realm will understand spiritual truths." Eph. 2:6 TPT; Col. 3:1-4 TPT].

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V. 24 ctd. "Then they will see My full glory – the very splendor You have placed upon Me because You have loved Me even before the beginning of time." **TPT:** "It is important to note that the key to unity among believers is experiencing the glory of God that Jesus has imparted to us. As one with God through faith in Christ, He shares His glory with us, since we are not "another,"* but have been made one with the triune God through the blood of Jesus." *Isa. 42:8 NKJV "I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another nor My praise to carved images."

Suffering Endured vs Glory To Be Revealed

Rom. 8:18-19 TPT "I am convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the magnitude of glory that is about to be unveiled (Aramaic: "perfected") within us. 19. The entire universe is standing on tiptoe (Gk. means "intense anticipation" (with an outstretched neck), yearning to see the unveiling ("manifestation"*) of God's glorious sons & daughters!" *TPT note: "The created universe is but the backdrop for the dramatic appearing of God's sons and daughters unveiled with the glory of Jesus Christ upon them. The verb tense in the Greek text is clear that this "unveiling" is imminent, soon to happen, and destined to take place. Christ's glory will come to us, enter us, fill us, envelop us, and then be revealed through us as partakers of the glory (John 17:21-23)."

So as Apostle Paul admonished us in <u>Eph. 5:18</u>, be filled with the Holy Spirit continuously, **v. 19a. TPT** "And your hearts will overflow with *a joyful song to the Lord.*"