

# THE BLESSING OF UNITY

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## I. INTRODUCTION

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

### **Psalms 133:1-3**

A song of ascents. Of David.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

*"A divided nation is discouraging, but a divided Church is devastating." - Doug Clay*

## II. FOUR BLESSINGS OF UNITY

### *1. Favor*

**Psalm 133:1** How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

**A. There is divine favor in unity.**

**B. Unity cares about others.**

**Jude 1:22-23** Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

### *2. Anointing*

**Psalm 133:2** It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

**A. There is divine anointing in unity.**

**B. God's purpose for His Church is bigger than any cultural moment.**

**Mark 3:18** Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot

- Let a humble spirit come before holy zeal.
- Let unity change the situation.

*“Turn to God with your frustrations about people, because if you don’t turn to God, you’ll turn on them.” - Carey Nieuwhof*

### *3. Blessing*

**Psalm 133:3** It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

**A. There is divine blessing in unity.**

**B. Unity is a gift from God.**

**James 1:17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

**C. Disunity dries up the blessings of God.**

### *4. Hope*

**Psalm 133:3** It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

**A. Our hope is eternal.**

**B. In a divided world, let us be the united Church.**

**C. The Church is the hope of the world.**