

ICC is a house of prayer for all nations! As such Psalm 133 is a foundational scripture that undergirds our value as a multicultural church -

[1] How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! [2] For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. [3] Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting. Psalm 133:1-3

We don't have to look far to find examples of unity and its benefits. Any choir, sports team, play, or family will work far better if there's unity among its members. What area of your life depends on unity?

When we have to work with others, sometimes it helps to be reminded of the value of unity. Psalm 133 is just such a reminder—check it out.

Other psalms in this reading will remind you of God's forgiveness (Psalm 130); of where to find contentment (Psalm 131); of the source of public honor (Psalm 132); and of finding joy in God's blessings (Psalm 134).

David described unity as PLEASANT and PRECIOUS (Psalm 133:1-3).

Unfortunately, unity does not come without effort—in fact, it costs a great deal. We naturally disagree and divide ranks, usually over issues that matter, but just as often over unimportant ones, too. It takes work to overcome this nature. Yet unity is important enough to work at making this change for several reasons: (1) It makes God's people a positive example and helps draw others to him. (2) It helps us cooperate as God meant us to, giving us a foretaste of heaven. (3) It renews and revitalizes ministry because there is less tension to sap our energy.

Living in unity does not mean that God's people have to agree on everything. But we must agree on the issue that matters most—our ultimate purpose in life—loving God and one another.

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