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# THE PRIORITY OF OUR UNITY

## PSALM 133

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.

<sup>3</sup> *It is* like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing — life forevermore.

**JOHN 13** <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**JOHN 17** <sup>20</sup> “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

**ROMANS 12** <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

<sup>20</sup> ....“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**1 CORINTHIANS 1** <sup>10</sup> Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

**EPHESIANS 4** <sup>1</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**PHILIPPIANS 2** <sup>2</sup> fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

**HEBREWS 13** <sup>1</sup> Let brotherly love continue.

**1 PETER 3** <sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous; <sup>9</sup> not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For

“He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>11</sup> Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

**1 JOHN 3** <sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, <sup>12</sup> not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous....

<sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. <sup>17</sup> But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

**1 JOHN 4** <sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

<sup>20</sup> If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

“Never ruin an apology with an excuse.” Kimberly Johnson

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# **BREAK DIVIDING WALLS**

*by David Ruis*

There is a place of commanded blessing  
Where brethren in unity dwell  
A place where anointing oil is flowing  
Where we will live as one

You have called us to be one body  
You have called us as friends  
Joined together in the bond of the Spirit  
Until the end

Father we join with the prayer of Jesus  
As You are so let us be one  
Joined together in unity and purpose  
All for the love of Your Son

We will break dividing walls, we will break dividing walls  
We will break dividing walls in the name of Your Son  
We will break dividing walls, we will break dividing walls  
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Between the men and the women  
And the Father and His children  
Those walls yes they're coming down  
Between the young and the old  
With their traditions grown cold  
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