

Unity that Brings Revival

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I. Introduction. (Psalm 133)

- A. The unity of mind was man's part.
- B. This opened the way for the coming of the Spirit.

II. Unity of mind precedes the blessing of God.

A. We have said a lot of prayers that took editing from the Spirit.

- 1. Many have prayed that the Spirit would come to make us united not because we are united.
- 2. The assumption in Acts was not that the Spirit came not to give them one heart but because they were one in heart.

B. Unity is necessary for the outpouring of the Spirit of God.

- 1. Like a power circuit-power cannot flow with a broken circuit.
- 2. A persistence of unity allows the Holy Spirit to move in revival.
 - 1. We ought not to come to prayer meetings to be one.
 - 2. We ought to come to prayer meetings as one.

C. A oneness of mind does not mean identical doctrinal views.

- 1. This is probably impossible anyway.
- 2. The church is like a democratic society.
- 3. One can have differences in opinion and be united in the church.
 - 1. Not all doctrine needs to be dogma that determines our salvation.
 - 2. There are certain organs that one can take out of his body and still live, and others that must exist otherwise the body will die.
 - 3. So too some doctrine is essential in the church and other doctrines are not.

D. What the unity that brings revival does not mean.

- 1. It does not mean unity by fear.
- 2. It does not mean the oneness of passivity.

1. There is nothing that is more united than a cemetery.
2. Some churches are only a conglomeration of dead men.

III. How God will revive the church.

- A. There must be a oneness of determination to glorify God alone.
- B. There must be a union in the absorption of the Lord's doing.
 1. Side interests must be aside.
 2. We must be focused on the Lord's doing
 3. To get anything done, you have to be absorbed in it.
- C. We have to be prepared to see God's wonders.
 1. We have just as much of God as we want.
 2. We have to be united in determination to see God's wonders.
- D. There must be a unity in prayer and expectation. We should be humble but willing to ask. We need to seek the Lord until He answers. One of the greatest snares in praying is to pray for vague things. If we want something we need to really ask for it.
- E. We have to deal with public and private sins so that we can more fully be one.

IV. Conclusion: the oil that flowed down the head of Jesus to bring life to us.

Application questions.

1. Why is that we ought to be united before we ask for the Spirit instead of asking for the Spirit so that we might be united?

2. Describe what the united church looks like? How might we attain this?

3. Is your church one in heart? Does your church look like the revived church the speaker describes? How can you contribute to this tapestry of oneness? Be specific.
