

LESSON VIII UNITY OF THE FAITH

The life of God's people, in its entirety should revolve around church; the Christ centered mission of the church and the ministry of and to its people should be the center point of our life style.

I. Unity in the body of Christ.

- A. Psalm 133:1-3 Amp. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment poured on the head, that ran down on the beard, even the beard of Aaron [the first high priest], that came down upon the collar and skirts of his garments [consecrating the whole body]; like the dew of lofty Mount Hermon, and the dew that comes on the hills of Zion; for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forevermore [upon the high and the lowly].**

- B. Behold** means to see yourself in unity. By faith we must see ourselves in unity if we're ever going to get there. Unity causes us to have the same mind, the same vision, the same goal, and the same dream. It's not about personalities. Unity has nothing to do with personalities. There will be people with personalities that irritate us. We must remember what the purpose of ministry is. It is to cause God's will, plan and purpose to be accomplished in the earth and that the vision God gave this church be fulfilled. Unity is good and pleasant.

- C. Genesis 11:1-9 Unity implies solidarity.** In Genesis 11:6 **And the Lord said**, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them." God said this to those building the Tower of Babble, how much more for us the Body of Christ.

- D. Genesis 13:1-13** "So Abram said to Lot, Please let there be no strife between you and me and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren."

- E. Strife will cause division among the brethren.** Lot disconnected from the man of God where his blessings came from. Everything Lot had was because of his connection with the man of God. Lot lost everything he had because he disconnected from his answer. Who you're connected with will determine the outcome of your life. There are no spiritual lone rangers, you are meant to be connected to a Man of God. You are to be planted in the House of God.

II. House of the Lord is an Ephesians 4 church. Ministry flow is based on the Holy Spirit and will manifest differently through every man and woman of God. Ephesians 4:12 ...to equip the saints for the work of ministry...

A. Power and anointing is manifest:

1. When the people come together there is power,
2. When the ministers are together there is anointing,
3. When the ministers and the people come together there is nothing that can stop that force,
4. Ministers are leadership, and
5. The body is the application of that leadership.

B. Ministry leaders assist the Pastor and take the corporate ministry down to individual levels. Power comes by staying hooked up.

III. In Acts 2:42 And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to:

1. The instruction of the Word,
2. Fellowship (this is a sign of believers),
3. Breaking of bread [including the Lord's Supper], and
4. Prayer.

A. We come together to get someone else's needs met... praying for one another. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

B. In **Mark 2:3-4** "Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men." Four people came together with someone else's needs on their minds. Four people decided to come together in unity to get someone else's needs met supernaturally.

C. If you'll come to church to get someone else's needs met, somebody will be in unity to get your needs met. Then we'll have services where things start happening, supernatural revelation will begin to flow. If all you ever do is come to church for "ME" you'll go home most of the time disappointed because your motives are wrong.

IV. Unity brings a saturation of the anointing. Ps. 133:2 "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." Unity brings the whole body into the anointing. We are all team players and we must all hook up together. When that happens, the result is the anointing. When we get into unity the anointing will be in the Nursery, the Children's Church, Sunday Classes, the Hostess and Ushers Teams,

and throughout the whole church. Sickness can't stay in the saturation of the anointing.

- V. **Unity causes the Commanded blessings of God. Ps. 133:3** "It (Unity) is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing--life forevermore.

Unity in the church is like the dew on the ground. It will sustain life in our city, our neighborhoods, our families, etc. When we live under the commanded blessings of God no devil in hell can stop us. God will command His healing power to operate in our church, He will command wealth and riches to be in our house. That's the kind of life we want to live. **In order to do that we've got to hook up with the vision God gave our man of God.** We're after the purpose and we're after the fruit.

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