

“Biblical Unity”

Psalm 133:1

Introduction

- I. To be in unity the way that God desires is a wonderful thing.
- II. Some might say that it is impossible for everyone to be united in religious matters, but it is possible if we do what God's Word teaches.
- III. There is a movement known as Ecumenism that teaches all religious groups should work together and cooperate, but that is not what the Bible instructs.

Discussion

- I. God's idea of unity is never “uniting” with error.
 - A. Just notice the numerous times where the Bible exposes that error must not be tolerated (1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 1:27; 3:16; John 17:20-21).
 - B. “Agreeing to Disagree” or “Unity in Diversity” is not acceptable.
- II. The Bible explicitly prohibits “uniting” with error.
 - A. False teachers and false doctrines are condemned in the Bible (2 Cor. 6:17; 2 John 9-11).
 - B. Although we should not be rude and unkind, we should never allow those in error to believe that we support such error (2 Thess. 3:14).
 - C. How can we walk together if we cannot be in agreement (Amos 3:3)?
- III. Why is wrong to fellowship with denominational “churches”?
 - A. Since the church of Christ is the body, it would be wrong to imply that other “churches” are a part of the one body (Eph. 4:4-6).
 - B. Denominational “churches” by large do not teach the truth in regard to obeying the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16).
 - C. Denominational “churches” do not worship “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).
- IV. Truth and error will always be incompatible.
 - A. There is a standard if we will choose to use it (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3).
 - B. Denying the truth does not mean that it is still not the truth.

Conclusion

- I. Let us all seek unity as God would have it.
- II. We can be united in the same body, the church of Christ (Matt. 16:18-19).