

“God Loves Unity”

Phil. 2:1-4

Introduction

- I. God's love for unity is seen throughout both the Old and New Testaments (Psm.. 133:1-3; Phil. 2:1-4).
- II. Christians should do their parts to establish and maintain unity.
- III. What are some of the ways to make sure that unity exists among brethren?

Discussion

- I. We should all strive to be of “one mind” (Phil. 2:1-2).
 - A. Christians share some amazing blessings.
 1. Christians have been set free from the bondage of sin (Rom. 6:17-18).
 2. We have the strength and comfort that comes from Christ (Phil. 4:13; 1 Pet. 5:7; Matt. 6:8; 7:7-11; 2 Cor. 1:3-7).
 3. Fellowship (1 Cor. 12:14-31).
 - B. Having “one mind” will help us to love one another (1 John 4:11; Phil. 1:8; 4:14-16).
 - C. To be of “one mind” means that we agree doctrinally (1 Cor. 1:10; cf. in matters of opinion we can disagree, but we should do so civilly).
- II. In order to obtain unity, each Christian should learn to be humble (Phil. 2:3-4).
 - A. Self ambition can lead to the destruction of unity.
 - B. We we must think of others.
 1. This does not mean that God wants us to ignore self completely (Num. 12:3; Matt. 22:39; Eph. 5:28-29).
 2. To promote unity, we must look beyond self (1 John 3:16; James 2:14-26; Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6).

Conclusion

- I. Unity is a wonderful thing.
- II. God wants His people to do their parts to have unity.
- III. Christians should understand that it is our unity that helps others realize that God sent Jesus (John 17:20-21).