

## Introduction

1. A great need in the church is unity
  - a. The world is divided, but the church must be united
  - b. Unity describes “oneness” and “harmony” resulting in agreement ([Am. 3:3](#))
2. Division is common and nothing new ([1 Cor. 1:10](#))
  - a. Followers of men instead of followers of Jesus causes division ([1 Cor. 1:11-13](#))
  - b. There are those who sow discord ([Pr. 6:16-18](#))
  - c. If division is allowed to continue, then the church will suffer ([Lk. 11:17](#))
3. [Psalm 133](#) encapsulates the essence of unity

### I. Psalm 133:1

1. Unity is good and pleasant ([Ps. 133:1a](#))
  - a. Jesus prayed for unity for His followers so it must be good ([Jn. 17:20-23](#))
2. Unity requires brethren to dwell together indicating peace ([Ps. 133:1b](#))
  - a. It will take effort on everyone’s part ([Eph. 4:1-3](#))
  - b. Seven “ones” of unity ([Eph. 4:4-6](#))

### II. Psalm 133:2

1. Unity requires closeness ([Ps. 133:2](#))
  - a. How close am I to my brethren? ([Php. 2:1-4](#))
  - b. We are all in this together ([Rm. 12:3-5](#), [10](#), [16](#); [1 Cor. 10:17](#))
2. Unity must be complete and genuine ([Ps. 133:2](#))
  - a. The precious oil coated the head, beard, and went down to the edge of Aaron’s garments
  - b. Must not be superficial, fake, or hypocritical, but genuine ([1 Pt. 1:22](#), [3:8-9](#))

### III. Psalm 133:3

1. Unity is a blessing and refreshing ([Ps. 133:3a](#))
  - a. When unity is present, it is refreshing
2. Unity is necessary for life ([Ps. 133:3b](#))
  - a. Unity cannot be obtained at all costs for we cannot compromise the faith ([Eph. 4:5](#); [Jn. 17:17](#))
  - b. We can be one of Christ’s sheep whom He gives eternal life ([Jn. 10:27-30](#))

## Conclusion

1. “Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.” ([2 Cor. 13:11](#) NKJV)