

An aerial view of Prague, Czech Republic, during sunset. The Vltava River flows through the city, with the Charles Bridge in the foreground. The city is filled with historic buildings, including a prominent church with a green dome. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun.

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to the  
**International Baptist Church**  
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# SERMON



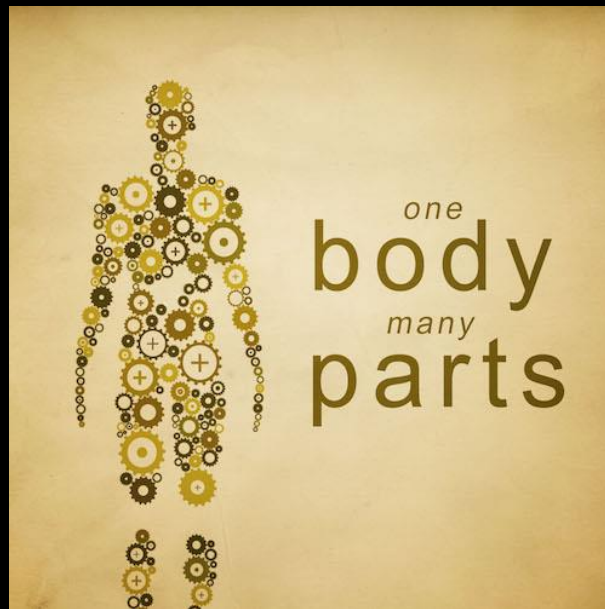
THE  
PSALMS

**Psalm 133**

**“Blessed by the Lord”**

# 1. UNITY is TOGETHERNESS: Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!



## Romans 12:5

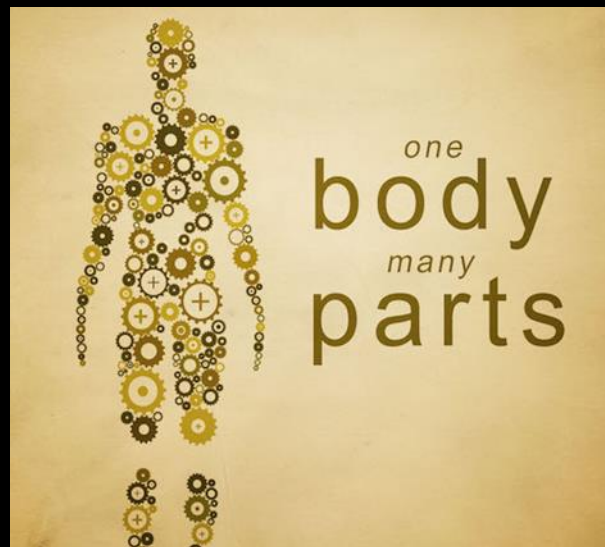
*...so in Christ we, though many, form one body,  
and each member belongs to all the others.*

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COMMUNITY



“Christian brotherhood is not an ideal which we must achieve; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate.” (in Life Together)

# 1. UNITY is TOGETHERNESS: Psalm 133:1



## John 17:20-21

*'My prayer is not for them alone.*

*I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.*

*May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.'*

# 1. UNITY is TOGETHERNESS: Psalm 133:1

## Ephesians 4:2-3

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

## Philippians 2:2-5

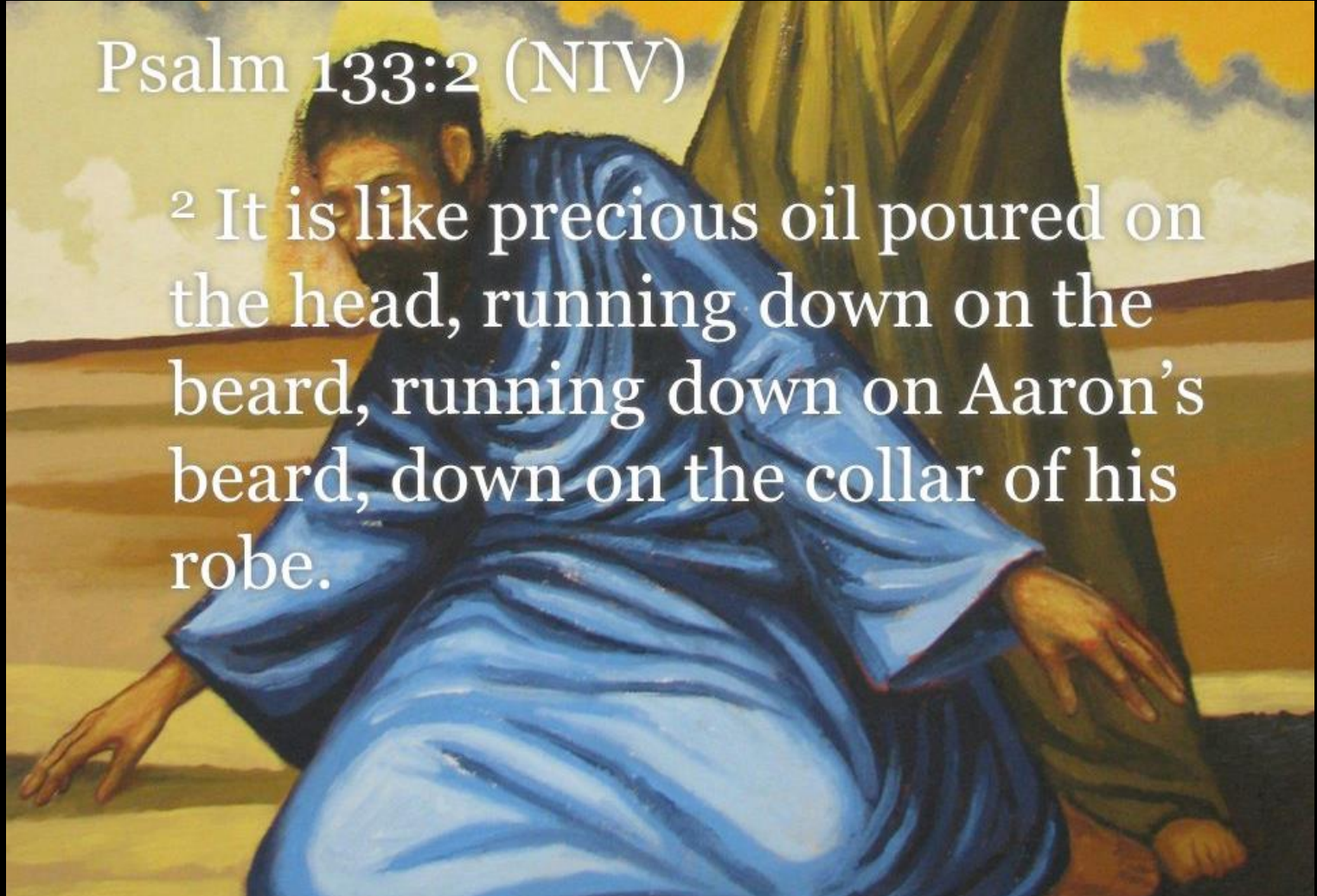
...make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...

## 2. UNITY is PLEASANT: Psalm 133:2-3a

How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!

Psalm 133:2 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.





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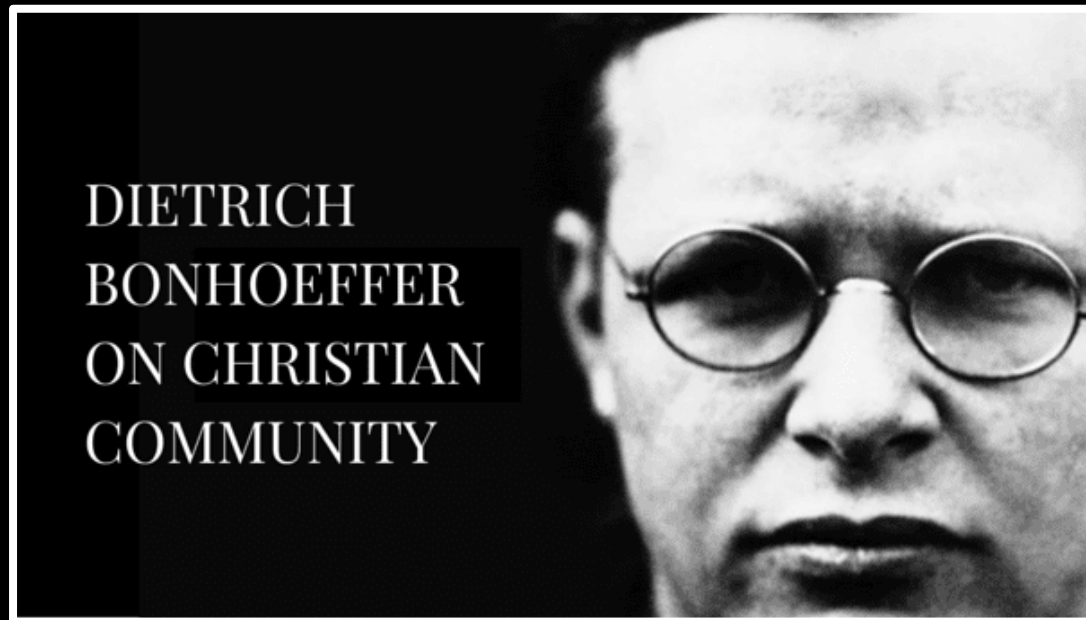
*"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*

*- John 17:22-23*



### 3. UNITY is BLESSED: Psalm 133:3B

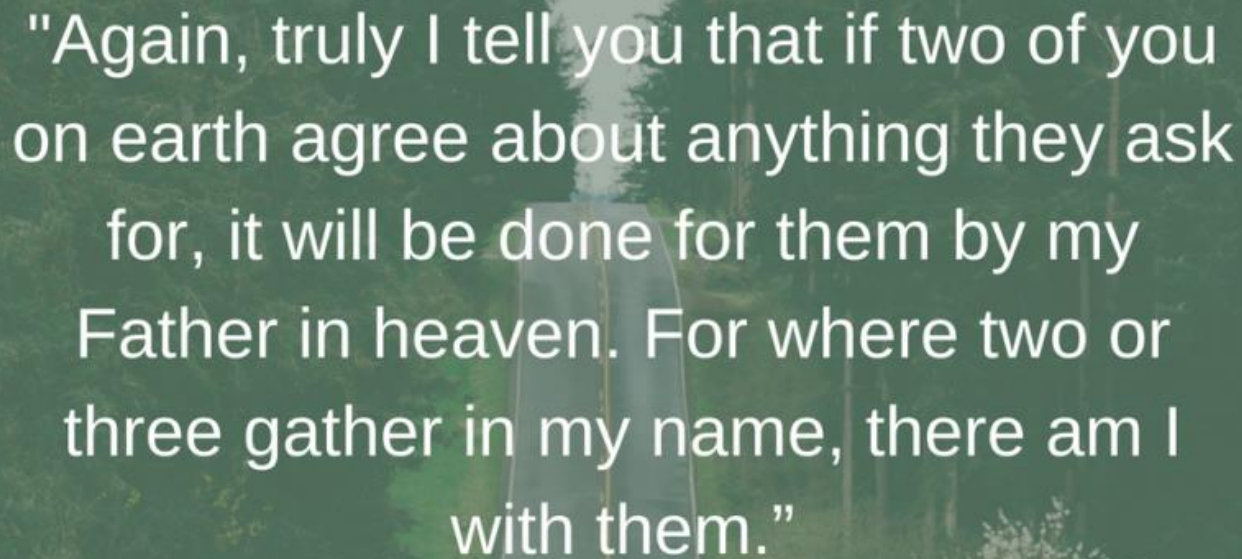
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For there the LORD bestows his blessing,  
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“a gift...that can easily be disregarded and trodden underfoot by those who have the gift every day.”

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"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you  
on earth agree about anything they ask  
for, it will be done for them by my  
Father in heaven. For where two or  
three gather in my name, there am I  
with them."

Matthew 18:19-20

A background image showing the silhouettes of a large crowd of people standing on a beach or waterfront at sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, and the water reflects the silhouettes and the light. The people are in various poses, some standing, some talking, and some looking out at the water.

## Psalm 133

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To  
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