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The Unity of the Saints (4)

THE BLESSINGS OF THE ONENESS OF THE SAINTS

Psalms: 133. The Songs of Degrees

CHRIST IS OUR HEAD

Thank our Lord; because of His mercy, He gathers us together here to fellowship on the Oneness of the Saints. We know the Oneness of the saints is wholly according to the Oneness of the Godhead. The finished work that our Lord did on the cross not only included the salvation of each individual, but also included the calling of us out of different nationalities, places, civilizations and countries. He got rid of all our disparities and put us together as one in Him. Thus today, we are one body in our Lord. He is our Head. Apart from Him, no one can be our Head and we do not have any other head. Even we ourselves, are not our head because we already offered our bodies up as a living sacrifice. Christ is not only the Head of each individual; He is also the Head of the corporate body; thus the Head of the Church. When we are under the Head, we all need to submit to the authority of the Head. We let Him be our Head. The whole body will be fitted together in Him and we can build up in love. Because of this, we see that the oneness of the saints is a gift from God. He gives us this gift in Christ; He gives us this oneness in the Holy Spirit. Thus, by the grace of God, we need to get rid of all things that destroy this oneness. Then we can manifest this treasure of oneness.

Now we are going to look at 'The Blessings of the Oneness of the Saints'. We know that Psalm 133 specifically talks about the blessings of oneness. 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!'

THE SONGS OF DEGREES

The fifteen Psalms from Psalm 120 – 134 are called Songs of Degrees. It is said that the Israelites sang these fifteen Psalms when they traveled to Jerusalem in their Pilgrimage. We know that the Israelites had three pilgrimages to Jerusalem every year to worship God. They lived in different places during the rest of the year. Thus Psalm 120, the first one of the Songs of Degrees, shows us that even though the Israelites lived far away and in different places, yet their heart aspired for God's temple. By God's grace, they started out from all different

places and journeyed towards Jerusalem. They would meet each other on their way and then journeyed together as a group to Jerusalem. Their hearts would be filled with thanks when they saw the temple from a distance. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they climbed up Zion and entered into the temple. They would praise the glorious beauty of God. On the one hand, they felt their own weakness and corruption. But on the other hand, they felt the fullness of God's grace. Thus they sang these Psalms when they started going up the hill. They sang until they entered into the temple of God. Psalm 133 is the pinnacle of these Psalms. By the grace of God, they saw that they could be as one together in Jerusalem. They were no longer dwelling in different places. They no longer just cared about their own business. There they were together as one in God. There they thanked and praised God. They sang from their heart: 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity'. However, they were then still in their fleshly bodies and they had to bid farewell and went back to their own place. And Psalm 134 talked about their leaving the temple and going home.

Thank and praise the Lord. Today we are our Lord's heavenly people. Even though physically we cannot gather together all the time, but thank God, our oneness is not just an outward thing. The oneness when we gather together is still with us when we go back to our own home. This fact will never change. Some said these fifteen Psalms were sang when the Israelites climbed the fifteen steps to enter into the temple. According to Ezekiel 40, there are seven steps to the outer court, and eight steps to the inner court. And they sang one Psalm as they climbed each step.

BEHOLD! BROTHERS DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY

No matter what people said about these fifteen Psalms, we know that Psalm 133 talked about the blessings of unity. It begins with the word 'Behold!'. We know that the bible wants us to take notice whenever it uses the word 'Behold'. It is something that you should not neglect. This is a glorious fact and it is 'brothers dwell together in unity'. Dear brothers and sisters, you do not see this kind of unity anywhere on earth. There are Jews and Gentiles on this earth and they do not have communications with each other. There are many factions on this earth – racial, cultural, social, educational etc. Division is the norm with so many factions; unity is non-existent. But today, God called us out of all these divisions and put us together. The cross got rid of all these disparities among us. In Christ, we can then be one. Thus, God wants us to look into this theme, 'Brothers Dwelling Together in Unity'. Here brothers mean those who are in Christ – regardless of who we are, how our past was or what race we belong to; regardless of our social status; regardless of our educational and cultural standing. Now we are brothers – males are brothers, females are also brothers – because we have the life of the Lord in us. We are the same. Apart from the name of the Lord, there is no other name in our heart. And the name of the Lord sounds so much better than the name 'brother'.

You remember how Saul once persecuted the children of God. He was going to Damascus to take them to Jerusalem to condemn them for their sins. But thank God! On the way to Damascus, our Lord appeared to him. He went on to Damascus and there he could not see nor did he eat for three days. He just prayed. God sent Ananias to him. Ananias laid his hands on Paul's head and said, 'Brother Saul'. Previously, Saul was an enemy. Ananias could not meet with him or else one of them would have to die. But then they became brothers. I am sure it affected Saul deeply when he heard this voice saying 'Brother Saul'. In his heart, he would think, a person like me? Today, I could be a brother.

Brotherly Love

Dear brothers and sisters, we thank and praise God! We are all brothers and we should love one another. If we do not love each other, we will not be like brothers. Thus, our Lord said to us, 'you should love one another'. Why do we need to love one another? It is because we are brothers. In whatever way our Lord loves us, we should love one another the same way. Our Lord loves us and gave Himself up for us. We should love the brother and gave ourselves up for the brother. This is how it should be. This is the temperament that the life of our Lord within us gives us. This is the truth. Brotherly love is the truth. It is given to us through the love of our Lord. It is given to us through His life. But how are we to show brotherly love? It is shown through brothers dwelling together in unity. Dwelling together in unity can manifest brotherly love. Today, we as brothers should not just see each other occasionally or once a year in a conference.

Do you know that a lot of times, we Christians just meet together occasionally? It is on the Lord's Day when we go to Sunday worship. And in that one hour, you and other brothers and sisters gather together. There you sing hymns and pray. Maybe someone prays for you instead of you praying yourself. You listen a little to God's word. Maybe you get impatient if the message is longer than twenty minutes. The one hour passes and you all shake hands and said, 'see you next week'. This kind of polite gathering is very easy to do because it is just an outward communication. We maintain a distance with all the brothers and sisters and we feel safe. No one beats me up or steps on me. And it lasts only one or two hours and it is over. Brothers and sisters, this is not dwelling in unity.

How Good! How Pleasant!

Dwelling together means continually being together with each other. It is not just seeing each other occasionally. Of course, we are together when there is a meeting. Even without meetings, we are still together in unity because we are one family. Our hearts are bound together regardless of time and place. There is no gap and no arguments. We dwell in unity in the peace of the Lord. How good and pleasant it will be if we can be this way. The 'good' in the bible has a special meaning. It is not what people say is good, then it is good. And it is not what people say is not 'good', then it is not good. The 'good' in the bible is that

which is good in the eyes of God. It is good because it is according to His will. What is pleasant? It is something that can satisfy God and also can satisfy you. This is what pleasant is. 'How good for brothers to dwell together in unity' – this is one of God's heart desires. 'How pleasant' is one that satisfies God's heart and also satisfies us.

Also, brothers dwelling in unity is not restricted by space because in Christ, we are already living into eternity. It is not only when we gather together. Especially during bread breaking, then it is brothers dwelling in unity and how good and pleasant it is. Maybe you think in your heart that this gathering is only for a few people and then we can go our own way. Is it that we can wait till the following year, and if God willing, then we can gather again and dwell in unity for a few days? It is not like this. In Christ, we are not restricted by time and space. We are one in the Spirit, and in Christ we are one for eternity.

THE PRECIOUS OIL THAT RUNS DOWN FROM AARON'S HEAD

The Psalmist used two pictures to describe the scenery of brothers dwelling in unity: it is like the precious oil upon Aaron's head that ran down upon Aaron's beard and down to the hem of his garments. You all know Aaron was a high priest. Exodus 30 told us, there was the need to pour precious anointing oil on a high priest's head when he took up the responsibility of a high priest. It was not just sprinkling a few drops, but profusely poured the precious oil on the head. Thus the oil ran down his beard and to the hem of his garments. That is to say, the whole person has been anointed. And after he has been anointed, then he will go into the tabernacle to start serving God.

Our Lord was like this when He was on earth. We remember when He came out of the water after He was baptized, the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit like a dove descended on Him and dwelt in Him. In another word, when He started His work, God poured the precious anointing oil on Him. This precious anointing oil is the Holy Spirit. There is nothing more precious than the Holy Spirit. When the Lord first spoke in the synagogue, He turned to Isaiah 61, 'I am sent by the Lord Jehovah and He has anointed me'. He also said in Luke 21, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your ears'. (Reference Luke 4: 16 – 21).

When our Lord was on earth, He was the anointed One and a prophet. Hebrews 3 said, 'Our Apostle and High Priest, Jesus Christ'. Thus on earth, our Lord was anointed to be the apostle and high priest. He revealed God to us. He accomplished the work that God sent Him to do. All the work accomplished on earth was not according to Himself, but they were done in the Holy Spirit. When He was on the cross, Hebrews 9: 4 told us 'Who by the eternal Spirit offered Himself spotless to God. This clearly told us that He was anointed when He was on earth. At His time, He was the only anointed One. Then our Lord died, buried and resurrected on the third day. He appeared to His disciples for forty days.

Then He ascended to heaven. And God anointed Him again after He ascended into heaven.

ANOINTED TO BE HIGH PRIEST

Psalm 2 told us the Lord is God's anointed King. Psalm 110 told us He is the anointed high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. This clearly shows when our Lord ascended to heaven, God once again anointed Him as high priest and as king. And that was what Peter preached on the day of Pentecost. He said, 'God already has made Him as Lord and Christ'. (Acts 2: 36).

When God anointed the Lord, this anointing oil did not just stay on His head. It started to run down. On the day of Pentecost, ten days after the Lord ascended into heaven, when the one hundred and twenty disciples gathered in the upper room, they suddenly heard a sound like someone breathing in the room. It was like someone 'blowing out' air, and they were immediately filled with the Holy Spirit. These one hundred and twenty disciples were baptized into one body in the Spirit. Dear brothers and sisters, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to baptize us into the Body of Christ. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is to bring us under Christ the Head. Then we see that this anointing oil already ran down to the beard. I think the one hundred and twenty disciples were like the beard because they had seen the Lord. They had followed the Lord. They had been together with the Lord. It seemed that they were so closely connected to the Lord.

Thank the Lord! They started serving the Lord after they received this anointing oil. And three thousand were saved that day. They also received the anointing oil. This anointing oil has now been flowing for two thousand years. Regardless of where one got saved, he will be baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body. Also, the anointing oil will run down to the hem of the garment. In another word, the whole body will be drenched by the anointing oil. Every member can start to serve because each has been anointed. That is why brothers need to dwell in unity. If we truly live in the body, and each member stands in the position given by God, and each submits to the Head, and each connects as the member of the body, then we can experience this drenching of the anointing oil and give rise to spiritual service.

ALL MEMBERS ENTER INTO SERVICE

Today we see that serving seems to be a very difficult thing among the children of God. Usually, we only depend on a few to serve. The rest of the brothers and sisters are there being served, as if they have no gifts and no function. But brothers and sisters, you are a member of the body. God already arranged you to be a certain member in the body. You cannot choose which member of the body you want to be. It is arranged by God. You have to thank and praise God because even though there are many members, yet we cannot be short of even one member. The Lord has already given you to serve in certain calling because you are a member. Also, the Holy Spirit will give you the gift according to the

Lord's vocation for you. Why is it you are not serving today? Why is it you cannot serve today? It is because you are not living in the body. You are living outside the body and the anointing oil seems not to be able to run down to you. If you truly submit to the Head and truly learn to be a member in the body, you definitely will have the anointing oil. You will be able to serve in the church with the gift that the Holy Spirit has given you. This is a blessing from brothers dwelling in unity. If brothers are not in unity, but fighting each other, there will not be anointing oil for them even if the brothers gather together. No wonder the services in the church are so weak. Whenever brothers dwell in unity, there will be the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is not just for a moment of excitement. It is not for our pleasure. There is a purpose in anointing. And it is for the service that came from the anointing.

THE DEW OF HERMON DESCENDED ON ZION

There is another picture: like the dew of Hermon, descended on Zion. There in Zion is the destined blessing – eternal life. Hermon is in the north, and its altitude is ten thousand feet above sea level. The peak is always covered with snow. During the daytime when the sun is shining, ground water rises as vapors, and when the vapors come into contact with the cold air, they become dew and wet the ground. If there is wind, it blows the fog towards the south. And Zion is a small mountain in the south. The Psalmist said, 'like the dew of Mount Hermon in the north descended on Zion'. Mount Hermon represented heaven because of its high altitude. Zion was where David set up his throne. Thus here we see the blessings from heaven are on the children of God who ascend to the place where the throne is. 'For where two or three are gathered together unto my name, there am I in the midst of them'. (Matthew 18:20). Wherever there are people in the Lord's name, there the throne of David is in their midst, and there the heavenly blessings will be upon them. That blessing is predestined. It will not fail. That blessing is eternal life. In another word, wherever there are brothers dwelling in unity, wherever the brothers let Christ be the Head, there life is certainly abundant.

Today, we feel life is very weak. It seems that no matter how hard we try, we still cannot do it. The life seems so weak when we gather together. Where there is lack of life, there will be organization because without organization, it cannot go on. Where there is no life, it will just follow tradition. Today we see so many of God's children living in tradition. In fact, when it first started, it is life, but gradually it turned into tradition. In the beginning, life flowed. But now it became a man-made organization. Why is it so? It is because the brothers did not dwell in unity. If brothers dwell in unity, eternal life is an ordained fact. Dear brothers and sisters, our loving each other needs to be manifested through dwelling together in unity.

THE DESIRE OF THE PSALMIST DAVID

David wrote Psalm 133. You know there was a deep feeling in David because his brothers within the family and his children were not in unity. This matter brought David a lot of pain. When he saw the Israelites gathered together in Jerusalem, and were in unity at least for the few days that they came to worship God and looked to God, David's heart was very much touched by that scene. How he desired this unity could happen to his family. And how he desired this unity would not just happen every three years.

ACCOMPLISHED BY THE LORD ON THE CROSS

David was a prophet. This Psalm can be said to be a prophesy. This Psalm was not fulfilled during the pilgrimage of the Israelites. It is just a shadow. The reality of the real thing has not come yet at that time. The reality of the real thing was realized after the Lord finished the salvation. Remember our Lord had a prayer before He went up to the cross: 'Father, that they may all be one, as you Father are in me and I am in you'. And then He accomplished this work on the cross. And that is why the Holy Spirit can give us this oneness.

Has this oneness ever taken place? Yes, we see this oneness in Acts first four chapters. There were one hundred and twenty people praying earnestly in unity for ten days. These one hundred and twenty included the eleven apostles. They had followed the Lord for over three years. But during those times, they were quarreling and fighting who was the greatest. Peter said, 'of course it is me!' John and James said, 'no, we are sharper than you'. It went so far that when the Lord went to Jerusalem to die on the cross, John and James asked their mom to ask the Lord to let one sit on the right and the other sit on the left in His kingdom. Their mom was the aunt of the Lord's mom. No wonder the other ten apostles were mad at them because each of them also wanted to sit either on the left or the right. They thought that John and James had the upper hand. They were still fighting about this at the last supper. Apart from these apostles, the hundred and twenty people also included some women. They had served the Lord when He was working on earth. They truly loved the Lord. When the Lord was on the cross and the apostles scattered away, these precious sisters were there at the foot of the cross. They followed until the Lord Jesus was buried. They were the earliest to visit the grave on the third day. They were the first to see the risen Lord and also the first to report the resurrection of the Lord. They were a lot stronger than the brothers. They had many good points. The mother of the Lord was among them. Of course, the mother of the Lord had her special place. There were also the brothers on earth. Even though they did not believe in the Lord before His death, yet after His resurrection, they all followed Him. From the outside, these hundred and twenty people seemed to be the best Christians. But if you look at them closely, there were still many problems among them.

THE CARRYING OUT OF THE EARLY CHURCH

Brothers and sisters, when the Holy Spirit descended upon them, they were baptized into one body; there was no you or me, only the Lord! Peter stood up and the eleven stood up with him; there was no individual. Each one's own personal doctrine and gains and losses all vanished. They realized they are just one body. Three thousand got saved and they persevered in the keeping of the teachings of the apostles. They fellowshiped, broke bread and prayed together. They were together every day, worshipping the Lord in the temple and at home. Not one would say, 'this is mine'. They loved each other and dwelt together in unity. When the apostles returned to the brothers after they were threatened by the Jewish council, they prayed together in one heart and praised the Lord. The ground shook and they continued to testify for the Lord in the courage of the Holy Spirit. The Lord added people who were saved to them daily. The world looked at them and said, 'look, how they love each other'. Brothers and sisters, is this not fulfilling the prophecy in Psalm 133? Is this not the answer to the Lord's prayer in John 17? The Father for sure will answer our Lord's prayer. See how fast the Father answered His prayer? True, the testimony of dwelling together in unity gradually was lost due to our corruption. But will it never appear again from now on? You know that it is not so if you look at the church history. There is no way I can fellowship clearly two thousand years of church history in half an hour. I can only give you a few examples.

THE RECOVERY OF THE MORAVIAN MOVEMENT

There was the Moravian Movement in the eighteenth century. It was started by Zinzendorf. The hymn 'Christian Hearts, In Love United' is written by him. He was a Count. He got saved around 5-6 years old. From that time on, he loved the Lord very much. He often wrote of his love for the Lord on a piece of paper. He would then throw the piece of paper out a window of his castle to show his love for the Lord. He was highly educated. In school, he always gathered a group of students together to pray and to pursue the Lord. After he graduated, according to the royal tradition, he had to go travel around the world. This was also part of his education. He was not even interested in Paris when he was there even though many people love that place. Once when he was in a museum, he saw a painting. It was a painting of the Lord Jesus with a crown of thorns. And at the bottom of the painting, the painter wrote a sentence, 'I have done this for you, what have you done for me?' When Zinzendorf saw this painting and read the sentence, he was captivated. He just stood there and could not leave. It was until the museum closed and then he had to leave. As soon as he arrived back at the hotel, he consecrated himself to the Lord.

At that time, many Christians were persecuted in the area around Moravia and Austria in Europe. Not only the Catholics persecuted them. Even the Protestants persecuted them. They were not satisfied with the situation of the church. They saw some truths in the bible and they wanted to follow the truths. Thus, the Catholics could not stand them. The Protestants could not stand them either. They became refugees and wanderers with no home because of the

persecutions. At that time, Zinzendorf opened up his estate and welcomed all these Christians who were being persecuted. As a result, those Christians went to his castle.

In 1722, they started an assembly called 'God's Watchmen'. It means that they were not only under the care of God; they were willing to be the watchmen for God. These people came from various parts of Egypt and they brought their various background with them. These were those who were persecuted because they did not want to give up the truths they saw. They were willing to give up their life rather than the truth. You see how firm their belief was. Yet each held on to their special truth and emphasis. There were Catholics, Protestants, Anabaptists and others. They were from various denominations. They all loved the Lord but they could not unite together.

Zinzendorf's heart was heavy when he saw the situation. He felt that God had given him a burden to help these people. Previously, he was an official in court. He resigned his job in 1727 and went home to be with this group of brothers and sisters. He could not just drive them out. He did not do that because they were all of the household and he was the owner. In May 1727, he gathered them together. He told them the problem: 'today you are so divisive because of your so-called knowledge. There is a lack of love among you'. Since he was the owner, he made a contract with them. If they wanted to stay there, they needed to keep certain rules. And the brothers and sisters felt ashamed of themselves at that time. They were all willing to put down their own emphasis and themselves. They were willing to humble and not step on others. They were willing to learn to be submissive. And the group of people from various background turned into a Christ like group.

The situation changed from that day onwards. Brothers and sisters were full of joy. They started breaking bread on May 13. During the bread breaking, they fellowshiped with each other. The blood of Christ touched each of their hearts. On that day, their spirits joined together as one Spirit. From that time onwards, they loved each other. And they prayed twenty-four hours day and night. It started with the twenty-four brothers and sisters who had this burden. Each would take turn to pray for an hour day and night. Then everyone joined in and throughout the day and night, they had continuous prayer for over a hundred years. At that time, one person out of four would go out to preach the gospel. They did that without any salary. Some of them had jobs at the same time. Many of them went to places where the gospel had not been preached. Some sold themselves as slaves so they could preach to the slaves. Dear brothers and sisters, here we can see how good and how pleasant when brothers dwelt together in unity. This is a testimony of the oneness of the saints.

THE RECOVERY OF 'THE BRETHREN' IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

In the nineteenth century, there was a brother who was a dentist. He moved to Dublin in Ireland because of his health. He was a Catholic, but God saved

him out of the Catholics. When he arrived in Dublin, he felt he wanted to fellowship with God's children. So he went to a certain church, let us say for example, a Baptist church to fellowship with them. At first, he felt good being with them and the Baptists like him. After a while, they said to him, 'it is good that you fellowship with us, but now please join our membership'. He replied, 'I cannot join you as a member because I am a member of the body of Christ. I do not want to join any other membership'. 'You are not welcome here if you do not join'. So he left and went to another one but the same thing happened. He tried another church. After a while, he was not welcome again if he refused to join the membership. So for a few months, on the Lord's day, he sat under a tree or on a heap of grass and there he would meditate on the Lord and drew near to the Lord by himself. Later, he found another brother and together they broke bread in simplicity to remember the Lord. Then a group joined them. But then they stopped doing that.

There was another person called John Darby. He studied law. His brother-in-law was a judge in Scotland. The brother-in-law found that Darby's thinking was very keen and he thought highly of Darby. He thought Darby would develop a new law system for Scotland. But Darby got saved. After seven years of darkness, he was completely saved by grace. After he was saved by grace, he felt he could not be a lawyer anymore. He was afraid he would use his talent to argue away sins committed. So he forsook his lawyer title. He was willing to go preach the gospel. He was sent to forest areas, villages and to serve illiterate and ignorant people. One time he fell while he was riding a horse and was stepped on by a horse. So he went to his brother-in-law's place to recuperate.

He always felt there were some problems with Christianity. He felt that the children of God should be in unity. And this oneness should not be organized. It should not be just putting all various denominations together. This oneness should be in God; should be from the work of the Holy Spirit and grace. Thank the Lord, he met the two brothers in Dublin. In February 1828, these four or five brothers broke bread together to remember the Lord. They desired to stand on the ground of oneness to remember the Lord. From that time on, in different places, many brothers and sisters who loved the Lord had the same feeling. Among them were nobles, people of high status, wealthy owners and highly educated people. But when they gathered together, they called each other brothers and sisters. They did not use their titles or status; they were just brothers and sisters. They gathered together and followed the leading of the Holy Spirit in their fellowship. Thus later, people called them 'the brethren'.

During the twenty years from 1828 to 1848, these kinds of situations expanded to many places. Also, many of the truths of God's word that had been buried were recovered at that time. For example, the second coming of the Lord was recovered by them. And the scenario at that time was really like the one described in Psalm 133. So you see the prayer of the Lord was answered.

THE RECOVERY IN CHINA IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

In the twentieth century in China, there was a young student and he was our beloved brother Watchman Nee. He got saved in 1920. In 1922, he and two to three other brothers and sisters broke bread to remember the Lord in a brother's house. They felt that they needed to return to the word of God. They needed to return to the simplicity of God. Christianity was too complicated. At that time, Brother Nee, Brother Wang Zai and his wife and maybe the mother of Brother Nee gathered together simply to remember the Lord. In 1922 and 1923, there was a revival in a business school in Foochow and many were saved. Brother Nee went to Shanghai in 1927. At that time, there were a few sisters who had moved from Nanjing to Shanghai. There was Miss Li Yuanru. She used to be an atheist but then got saved. There was Miss Wang Peizhen who was from a high-ranking official family. After she was saved, her father was ashamed and gave her a knife and a rope and asked her to commit suicide. Because of that, she left home and later preached the gospel for the Lord. These two sisters used to live in Beijing and Brother Nee knew both of them. They moved to Shanghai first and then Brother Nee also went to Shanghai. They had their first bread breaking in Shanghai in 1927. There was a total of four people: Brother Nee, Charles Judd – a missionary from China Inland Mission, Miss Li Yuanru and Miss Wang Peizhen. It is interesting that they always started with bread breaking. It is because all things should start with the Lord. In 1928, they moved to Hardoon Road. From there, God's work started to grow. When it first started, the brothers and sisters loved each other. When we serve together, each of us is spiritual. We are usually simple when we first start. Thank God! We indeed experience the blessing of the brothers dwelling together in unity. How we wish this kind of situation will again be manifested today.

PUT DOWN ALL OPINIONS TO ACCOMPLISH THE HEART DESIRE OF THE LORD

Dear brothers and sisters, I just gave a few examples. I believe that some situations are recorded in the church history. And some are not recorded. We can see the unity of the saints in places that a lot of people do not know. In those places, the brothers and sisters love each other and dwell together in unity. Under such circumstances, do we see the anointing oil? Do we see the fulness of life among them? The answer is affirmative. Our Lord's Holy Spirit is still working today. His work is to finish the prayer of the Lord. How we wish because of His mercy, we can manifest the oneness among us. This is the heart desire of the Lord. How we wish this is also our heart desire. Let us put down all our opinions; let us not fight each other again. Let us accept each other and dwell together in unity, so the world can see that God sent our Lord to this earth; and also see that God loves us like He loves His Son!

Prayer:

Dear Lord, You have given us everything through Your offering Yourself on the cross. We ask that You enable us to diligently keep the Oneness that the Holy Spirit gave us. How we wish Your desire that brothers dwelling in unity can be manifested on earth at this time. We believe that You can do this. We give ourselves into Your hands. May Your will be done. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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