

How to Have Harmony

Encouraging Words Series #3

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I Peter 1:22 – 2:10 (NT page 180)

Two Essentials for Success

1. _____ 2. _____

Psalm 133

¹*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is*

For brothers to dwell together in unity!

²*It is like the precious oil upon the head,*

Coming down upon the beard,

Even Aaron's beard,

Coming down upon the edge of his robes.

³*It is like the dew of Hermon*

Coming down upon the mountains of Zion;

Two Keys to Having These Essentials

1. _____ 2. _____

Four Pictures of the Church

1. We are _____ in the same _____. (1:22,23)

²²*...ferently love one another from the heart,*

²³*for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.*

We have in common the:

✓ same _____ (I Peter 1:3)

✓ same _____ (1:22)

²²*Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,*

... the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace... Galatians 5:22

✓ same _____ (2:1,2)

¹Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

²like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

2. We are _____ in the same _____. (2:5a)

⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house ...

I will build my church. Matthew 16:18

3. We are _____ in the same _____. (2:5b,9a)

⁵... for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁹But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD...

In the O.T. times God's people _____ a priesthood; now God's people _____ a priesthood.

And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. Matthew 27:51

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, Hebrews 10:19

4. We are _____ in the same _____. (2:9)

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 7:6

Applications

1. These four pictures emphasize the importance of _____ and _____.

2. Unity does not eliminate _____. Absence of diversity is not unity; it is uniformity.

In essentials—_____ . In non-essentials—_____ .

In all things—_____ . Augustine

Fervently love one another from the heart.

I Peter 1:22b