Then Sings My Soul

The Power of Unity

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35 minutes

Clover fly-over video (b-roll)

The dark powers want to <u>divide</u> what Jesus died to unite.

> How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! 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. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore. Psalm 133:1-3 NIV

King Jesus Purchased Our Unity Through His Blood:

1) <u>Lock</u> in on the peace Jesus purchased.

> ***For He Himself is our peace***, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in His flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was ***to create in Himself*** one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to ***God through the cross***, by which He put to death their hostility. Ephesians 2:14-16 NIV

2) <u>Live</u> as one because you are united to Christ.

> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were ***baptized into Christ*** have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28 NIV

3) <u>Love</u> one another because you belong to Christ.

> **If you** belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29 NIV

> 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. John 17:20-21 NIV

PASTOR: Church family, we come to the Lord's Table not because we are perfect, but because Jesus is perfect. Not because we have earned God's love, but because we have received God's grace.

CHURCH: We are sinners saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ!

PASTOR: At the cross, King Jesus shed His blood to reconcile us to the Father and to one another.

CHURCH: By His blood, we have been forgiven! By His grace, we have been made one!

PASTOR: We are different ethnicities, generations, cultures, and backgrounds, but we share one Savior, one Spirit, and one Father.

CHURCH: We are one body! One family! United in Christ!

PASTOR: The bread reminds us of His body, given for us. The cup reminds us of His blood, poured out for the forgiveness of our sins.

CHURCH: His body was given for us! His blood was shed for us! His resurrection gives us life!

PASTOR: Church family, because we belong to Jesus, we belong to one another. Let us love one another as Christ has loved us.

CHURCH: We will walk in love, pursue peace, extend forgiveness, and live as one family!

PASTOR: Church, who is our peace?

CHURCH: JESUS IS OUR PEACE!

PASTOR: Who makes us one?

CHURCH: JESUS MAKES US ONE!

PASTOR: And who gets all the glory?

ALL: KING JESUS! NOW AND FOREVER! AMEN!

PASTOR: Church family, let us eat and drink together in remembrance of our crucified and risen King.

INVITATION PRAYER – Tap Plate

Soul Tattoo: Live as one in Christ.

Action Step: Join us for weekly prayers in the TC app as we prepare for All Give Sunday on December 13.