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DO WE WANT RELIGIOUS UNITY?

Ephesians 4:1-6

Text includes all elements for religious unity.
Some have despaired, given up. Take new courage.

INT: It is religious unity when one more soul obeys truth.
Study vital points. Christian's goal is world unity.

I. HOW UNPLEASANT IS DISUNITY?

- A. It weakens religious world in fight against nonrelig.
- B. It lends comfort to the reprobates position.
- C. It sets towns against itself. Kills community spirit.
- D. It divides families into believers and non-believers.
- E. It confuses the sincere seeker for Life. 250 faiths.

II. HOW PLEASANT IS RELIGIOUS UNITY? Psalms 133.

- A. Like soothing, cool oil on parched face. Comforter.
- B. Like dew on scorched earth. No rain in Jer. from Apr. until Nov. Occasional dew only relief.
- C. Some things pleasant but not good. Visa versa.
 1. Arsonic of lead a sweet powder. Deadly.
- D. Unity is both good and pleasant. Unites mankind.

III. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISUNITY? Much misunderstood.

- A. Anyone who opposes another? Then God greatest offender
- B. Can be in error whether active or passive.
 1. 1849 Missionary Society introduced. Guilty? For it.
 2. 1859 Melodion, Midway, Ky. Objectors the offenders
 3. 1869 Organ, Olive St. cong. St. Louis, Mo. Singers
 4. Recent: open membership regardless of requirements
- C. Other innovations since Apostles days. Rom. 14:23.
 1. Puffing men up with "Reverend". Not matter of fait
 2. Voting into church. Unscriptural. Who is guilty?
 3. Sprinkling a post-Apostlic practice. Who divided?
 4. Who is guilty. One goes by Bible, one without it?

IV. A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO RELIGIOUS UNITY.

- A. Must give God-Christ, proper place. John 14:6.
- B. Must realize it is their plan. John 17:20-22..
- C. Must have love for all men. Matt. 22:37-39....
- D. Must know what real unity is. I Cor. 1:10....
- E. Must be willing to surrender to His will. Matt. 16:24

INV: Results great when obey gospel. I John 1:7. B-R-C-B.
Been living in sin, turn from it, plead for forgiveness.