

## Sermon on Sep 15, 2024, Psalm 133:1-3, “A beautiful life of Koinonia in the Lord”

**PSALMS 133:1-3** NIV <sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Today's text is a psalm of David that sings how beautiful Koinonia, Christian fellowship, is. Traditionally, the five most important missions of the church are worship (Public Service, Leiturgia), Proclamation (Kerygma), Teaching (Didache), Fellowship (Koinonia), and Service (Diakonia).

So, there cannot be a Christian without Koinonia, and there can be no one who goes to church without Koinonia. Koinonia is a very important thing that cannot be missing in the church.

The reason we leave the space of the church and have a combined picnic is to expand relationships among believers and share the love the Lord has given us. I hope that you will have deep fellowship with members of other churches through the combined picnic of the three churches. So, what does it mean to live in beautiful fellowship (Koinonia) in the Lord?

First, we are brothers and sisters in faith.

Verse 1 of today's text says, “**How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!**” The brothers in this verse refer to us. Jesus said in Matthew 12:50, “**For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**”

As Jesus said, Christians are people who do the will of the Lord. Therefore, Christians must unite to do the Lord's will. The Lord delights in us being united.

Please remember! Even though we may have different skin colors, languages, and races, we are all brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are one family who calls the Lord our father. Therefore, I hope everyone enjoys true peace and joy in the Lord today.

So, what does it mean to live in beautiful fellowship (Koinonia) in the Lord?

**Second, the Lord sees our fellowship (Koinonia) as beautiful.**

Today's text is a song of joy and gratitude for the unity of all the tribes of Israel after David became king of all Israel.

In many cases, people are more accustomed to disconnecting relationships than to uniting. This is because people's selfishness causes them to use, envy, and hate their neighbors for their own sake.

However, Christians have experienced the love of Jesus and learned how to love through Jesus. That is why Christians can have true fellowship in faith. The Lord sees our fellowship as beautiful. The Lord is not pleased when we fight, and the Lord is not pleased when we cannot cooperate in love. I hope that true fellowship will abound for all of us. Finally. What does it mean to live in beautiful fellowship (Koinonia) in the Lord?

**That is, true Koinonia is a fellowship shared the Lord's love.**

The Koinonia we share in the church is different from that of the world. The world interacts to achieve its own satisfaction and purpose. However, the church fellowships (Koinonia) to achieve the expansion of God's kingdom based on the Lord's sacrifice and love of the cross.

The meaning of this Christian fellowship (Koinonia) as described in verses 2 and 3 of today's text as **"precious oil and the dew of Hermon."** Here, the **'precious oil'** means consecration, and the **'dew of Hermon'** symbolizes the Lord's merciful grace. And the last part of today's text sings about God commanding the 'blessing of eternal life' for us. In other words, we are praising the Lord for being the One who consecrates us, gives us grace, and achieves eternal life in our beautiful fellowship (Koinonia).

Therefore, for Christians, Koinonia is essential and must be present to fulfill the mission given to us by the Lord. I hope that the Koinonia granted by the Lord will be filled among all of us gathered today for the combined picnic of the three churches. **Amen!**