

Threats to Congregational Unity

I. Introduction. (Psalm 133.1; John n 17.21; 1 Corinthians 1.10; Philippians 2.1-2)

- A. God's desire for unity among His people — explicitly stated, and reflected in His pictures of the church. (Ephesians 1.22-23; 2.19, 21-22; 5.22-23; 6.10-18)
- B. But threats to that unity exist now, just as in the New Testament... (Ecclesiastes 1.9)

II. To be forewarned is to be forearmed!

A. _____
(Acts 6.1; James 2.1-13; cf. Galatians 3.26-29)

B. _____
(Acts 15.1-2; Galatians 1.6-9; 2.11-14; 5.6, 15; cf. Romans 16.17; Titus 3.10; 2 John 9-11)

C. _____
(Romans 14; 1 Corinthians 8-10; cf. Romans 14.13, 19; 15.1-2; 1 Corinthians 8.9, 13; 10.24)

D. _____
(1 Corinthians 3.1-3)

1. In other words, _____

2. For example, _____ (3.4-4.21), _____ (ch 5),
_____ (ch 6), _____ (ch 8-10),
_____ (ch 11-14)

3. So then... (Philippians 2.1-5; Hebrews 6.1; 2 Peter 3.18)

“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to _____ the _____ of the Spirit in the bond of _____.” (Ephesians 4.1-3)