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Community Grounded in the Triune God

- The Trinity Grounds all relational / community categories
- The Trinity Grounds diversity and avoids everything collapsing into a singularity
- Unitarian conceptions of God are, by definition, narcissistic



Community Grounded in the Triune God

Gen 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (27) So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them...



Man Created to be in Community

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- Humanity Collectively called to take dominion over the earth
- This collective call translates into private property rights when something is taken from its natural state.

Man Created to be in Community



- Locke built his social contract Theory from this analysis
- Locke argued that the social contract involved man surrendering some of his natural freedom for a just government that protected his natural rights
- This required a just community

Man Created to be in Community

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Gen 1:26–28 ...(28) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

The Collapse of Community



- Love Growing cold
- Dysfunctional Community

The Collapse of Community



Gen 3:9–13 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" (10) So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself..."

The Collapse of Community



Gen 3:9-13 ...(11) And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?..."

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Gen 3:9–13 ...(12) Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." (13) And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Collapse of Community



Gen 3:14–17 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life...

The Collapse of Community



Gen 3:14-17 ...(15) And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel..."

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Gen 3:14–17 ...(16) To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

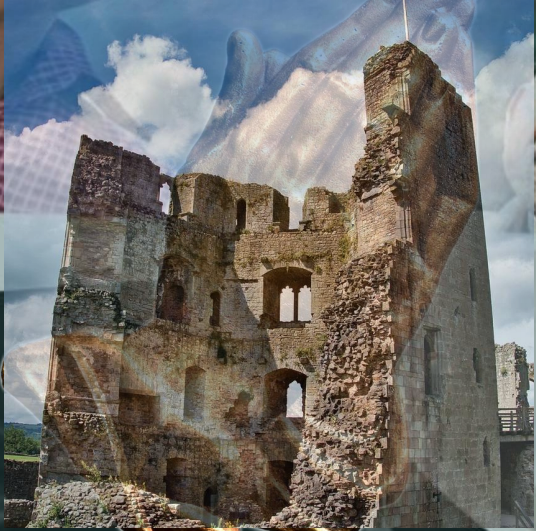
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Gen 3:14–17 ... (17) Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

The Collapse of Community

Mat 24:9–12 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. (10) And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. (11) Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. (12) And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.



Rebuilding Community

- Christ rebuilt Community
- Christian Community well ordered



Rebuilding Community

Eph 4:1-6 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, (2) with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, (3) endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace....



Rebuilding Community

Eph 4:1-6 ... (4) There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; (5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism; (6) one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.



Community of Believers

Galatians 3:26–29 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ...



Community of Believers

Galatians 3:26–29 ...28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



Community of Believers

Eph 5:22–6:9 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (23) For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. (24) Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. (25) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, (26) that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,...

Community of Believers

Eph 5:22–6:9 ... (27) that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. (28) So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. (29) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. (30) For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones...

Community of Believers

Eph 5:22–6:9 ... (31) "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." (32) This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (33) Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (6:1) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right...

Community of Believers

Eph 5:22–6:9 ... (2) "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: (3) "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH." (4) And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (5) Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;...

Community of Believers

Eph 5:22–6:9 ... (6) not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, (7) with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, (8) knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. (9) And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

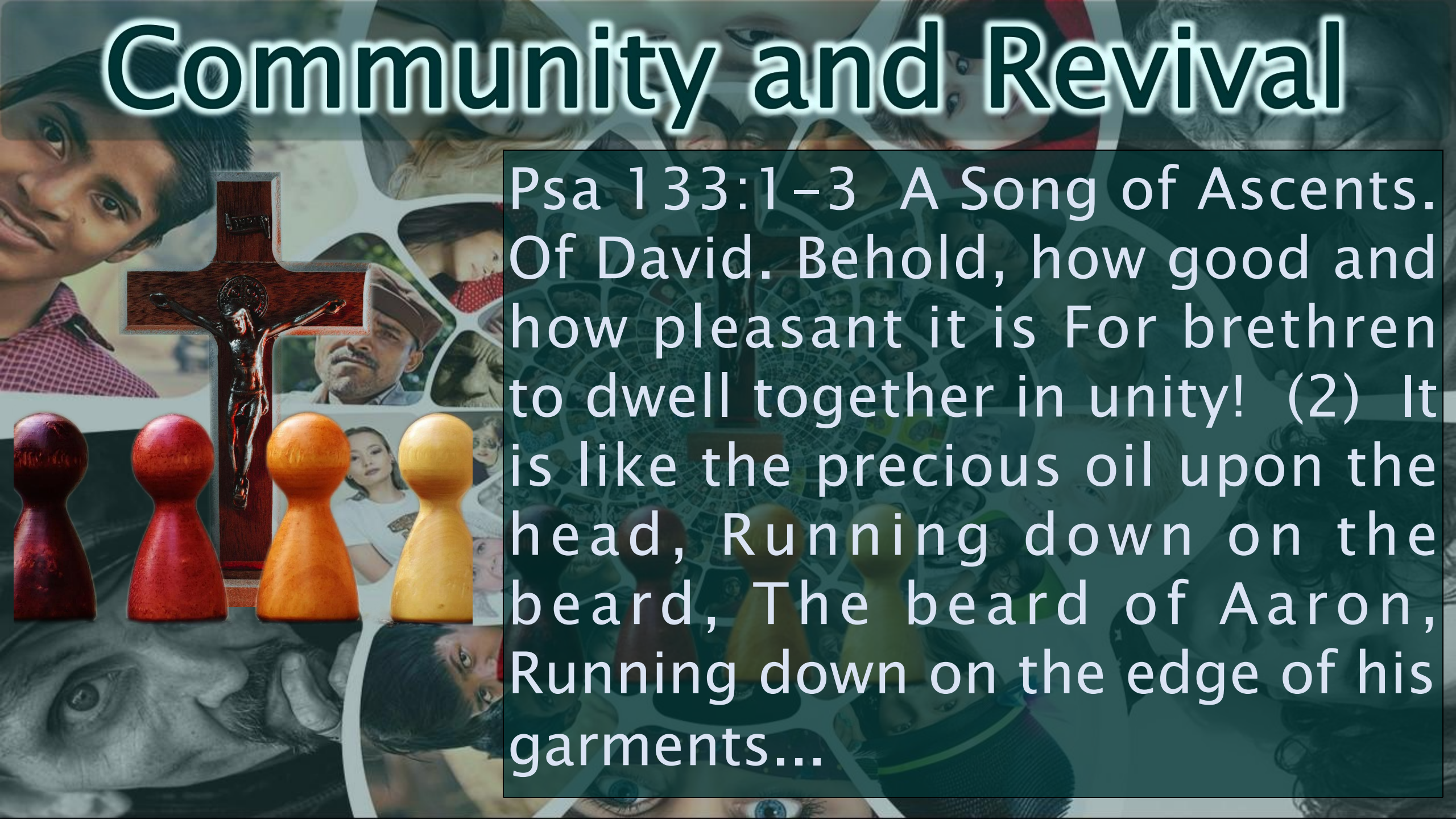
Community and Revival

- Community Fosters the Anointing
- Genuine anointing builds community



Community and Revival

Psa 133:1–3 A Song of Ascents.
Of David. Behold, how good and
how pleasant it is For brethren
to dwell together in unity! (2) It
is like the precious oil upon the
head, Running down on the
beard, The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his
garments...



Community and Revival

Psa 133:1-3 ... (3) It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life forevermore.



Community and Revival

Eph 4:11–13 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, (12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,...



Community and Revival

Eph 4:11–13 ...(13) till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;



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