"beloved, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together, in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.

Much is being said in this day about Christian unity. Denominational mergers are discussed and a number of church bodies have already come together. Discussions are under way and have been for a number of years relative to church union which would bring all of the liturgical churches into one body. Church union is a major consideration of the World Council of Churches. In compliance with this endeavor so that there could be a common tongue for worship the Roman church has abandoned the Latin mass. Many other major modifications have occurred in the Church of Rome, especially in America.

Now, we are witnessing the great pressure in the Episcopal church to modify the Book of Common Prayer basically to comply with the language and form of the Catholic ritual. These things are not being done as a result of the desire on the part of the laity for change. The church system governed by the forces of the Kosmos and not the Holy Spirit constantly press for and accomplish the unwanted changes. Those matters eliminated as a result are in most instances some of the most precious aspects of the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

By contrast there is a growing unity occasioned by the wondrous moving of God's Holy Spirit in the hearts of the true believers. This move of the Holy Ghost is bringing people into oneness which is marvelous to behold. Certainly Jesus wants His Church to be one that it may be able to partake in God's glory even as Jesus does. Thus, it is seen that men of all faiths -- even Judaism and those of the Greek Orthodox faith -- even our brothers behind the Iron Curtain are coming into unity in the Holy Spirit through the New Pentecost. Oh, that those in authority and in high places could see that the unity which is attempted through soul effort can never approach that which is done so simply (and Scripturally) by the Spirit.

Those brought together in mergers effected by man are unhappy and dissatisfied (consider the United Brethren who now find themselves Methodists). Those brought together by Jesus and His Holy Spirit are joyous, free, and deeply satisfied. Consider the great house-prayer-movements across the world where God's people join together with no thought but to worship God together in oneness of Spirit. Let us in this perilous day seriously consider whether those things offered us in the name of Church Union, Prayer, Book modification, liturgical change, common hymn books, are truly of God. 'On the level where the people are -- there is true unity, and it is of God and it is good.'

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"--Because you prayed
God touched our eager fingers with His skill,
Enabling us to do His blessed will.
With scalpel, suture, bandage;
Better still He healed the sick, the wounded, cured the ill.

"--Because you prayed
God touched our lips with coals of altar fire.
Gave Spirit fulness, and did so inspire
That when we spoke, sin-blinded souls did see;
Sin-chains were broken; captives were made free.

--Charles B. Bowser
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SATURDAY - February 21 - 8 AM. Plant City CMP Station Meeting at Johnson's Restaurant, Plant City, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - February 21 - 7:30 PM. Tampa CMP Station Meeting at CMP House, 4821 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking. The Emile Theriault family will provide music.

FRIDAY - February 27 - 7:45 PM. Orlando CMP Station Meeting at Dover Shores Branch, of First Federal Savings & Loan, 3212 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking. For information call 305/894-6150, 425-2511, or 647-4667. Do not call First Federal Savings & Loan.

SATURDAY - February 28 - 7:30 PM. Daytona-CMP Station Meeting at Holy Trinity By-the-Sea, North Grandview at Ora, Daytona Beach, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking. For information call Father David Dillon, Jr., 904-252-8997.

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