



# Living in Peace

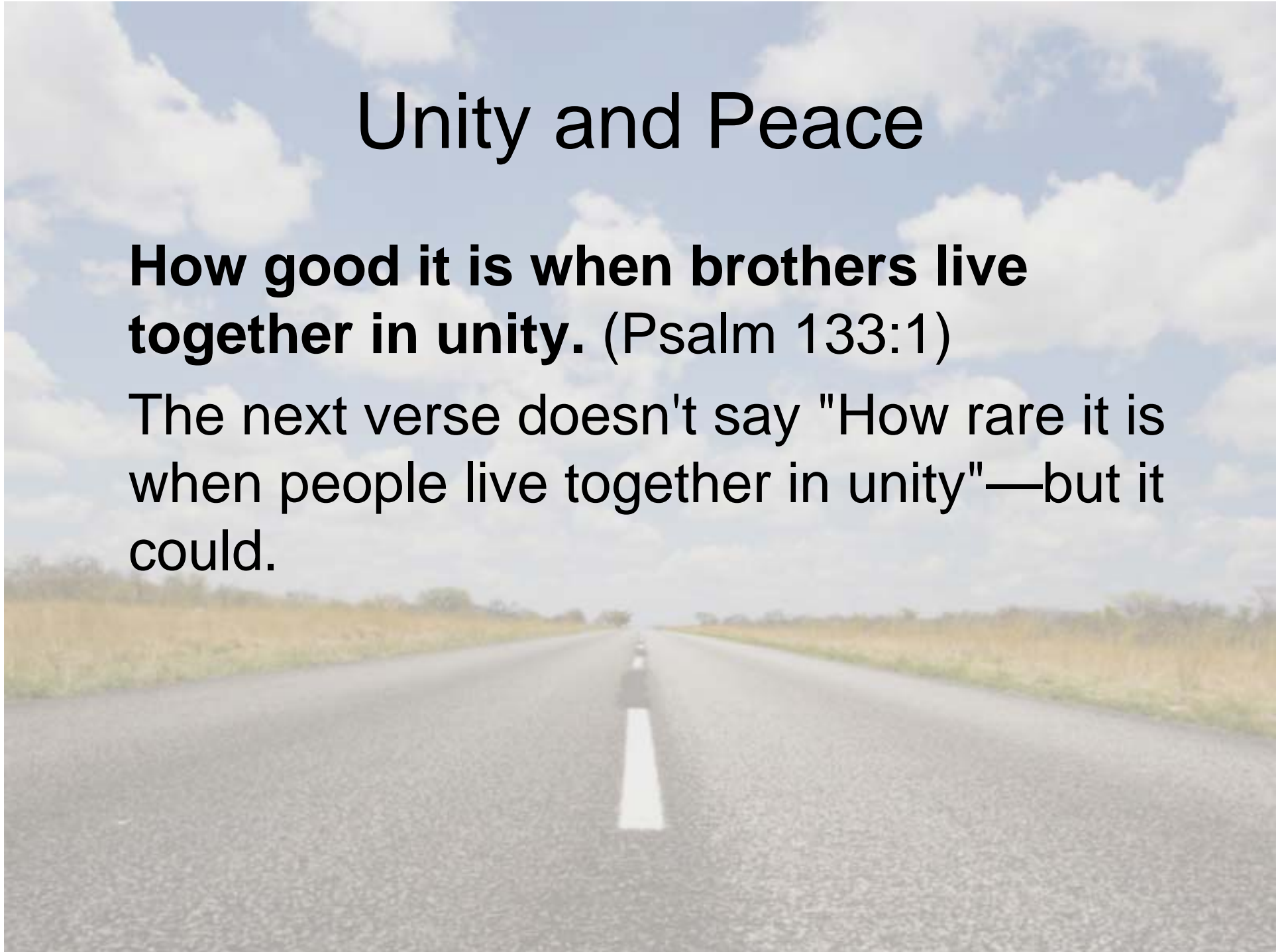
Colossians 3:12-17

Series: The Road Less Traveled

# Unity and Peace

**How good it is when brothers live together in unity. (Psalm 133:1)**

The next verse doesn't say "How rare it is when people live together in unity"—but it could.



## **Colossians 3:12-17** (NASB)

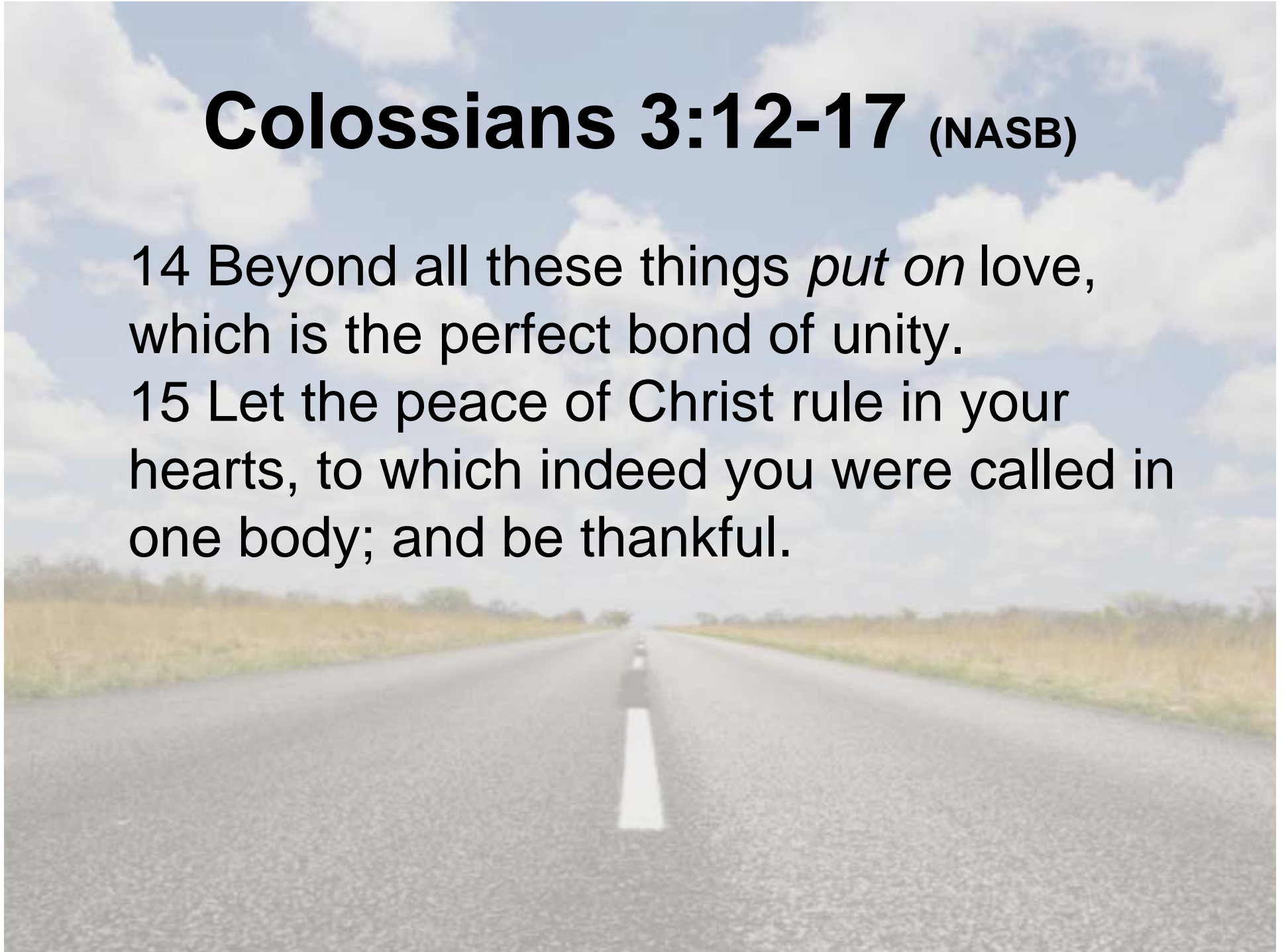
12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

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14 Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.



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16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

# 1. Always take the high road

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved,

When we relate to other people, we should say to ourselves, "I don't know where this person is spiritually, but I know where I'm *supposed* to be in my spiritual life, and I am going to take the high road of action ."

## 2. React out of love not feelings

...put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

He used the phrase *put on* (**clothe yourselves**) because sometimes you have to cover your feelings by "putting on" the right behavior.

### 3. Include Christ in every Conversation

16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Our words should lift others up not tear down.

## 4. Pursue personal peace

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

The key to developing peace in our life (relationships) is to develop peace within ourselves first.

# Got Peace?

17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus...

Peace is only found **IN** Christ

