

## WHAT MAKES US SHINE?!

Check these word-pictures out - they are pretty cool :)

Ephesians 5:14

2 Corinthians 4:6

*Psalm 133-134 were both a part of what are called “psalms of ascents.” They were written to be sung during the great yearly celebrations of Israel, when people would return to Jerusalem each year to express their gratefulness and devotion to God. Try to imagine thousands of singers with torches singing these songs as they ascending the hill where the temple stood! (it really would sound weird to us - the were sung in Hebrew!) Mount Hermon fed the sea of Galilee in the north which in turn filled the Jordan river which irrigated the entire country of Israel.*

A Song(s) of Ascents, of David.

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard,

Coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon - coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing — life forever.

Behold, bless the LORD, all servants of the LORD, who serve by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the sanctuary and bless the LORD.

May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth.”

*Together with our friends from Colossians 3...*

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. 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. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

List the things from these passages which make us shine in the world!

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