

**Sermon Notes – August 19, 2018**  
***The Source of Unity (Joshua 22-23)***

The final three chapters of Joshua serve as three distinct “farewells”:

1. Chapter 22 is Joshua’s farewell to the three tribes: Reuben, Gad, and half tribe of Manasseh, who lived east of the Jordan River.
2. Chapter 23 is Joshua’s farewell to the leaders of Israel: elders, judges, and officials of Israel.
3. Chapter 24 is Joshua’s farewell to the nation of Israel as a whole: all twelve tribes.

All three chapters give us a picture of the only source of unity for the people of God and for the church today that matters.

- I. Unity begins with recognizing false assumptions. (22:10-12)
  - A. Assumed: the altar was made to sacrifice to idols.
  - B. Assumed: war was needed to resolve the problem.
  
- II. Unity continues with learning ALL of the facts. (22:13-33)
  - A. The motivation for the altar was to give God glory. (21-22)
  - B. The purpose of the altar was to be a visible reminder of God’s glory. (24-27)
  
- III. Unity is accomplished by keeping the main thing the main thing. (22:34; 23:1-16)
  - A. Our main witness: Jesus is Lord! (23:34)
  - B. Our main purpose: Proclaim Jesus is Lord! (24:1-10)
  - C. Our main direction: Live out Jesus is Lord! (24:11-16)