

Conflicts and shalom...

1. The Pleasure of Shalom (v1)

- God's united people = Good and pleasant
- Literally 'brothers' = family idea

2. How Pleasant? (v2–3)

- Down → Down → Down (given from above)
 - Unity in worship
- Unity is like a priestly blessing; witnessing to the world (cf. John 17)
- Unity is like a blessing to the land

3. Shalom in Christ

- Shalom in messianic hope (Isaiah 9 and 11)
- Shalom achieved in Christ (Ephesians 2–4)
- Shalom as both achieved reality and something to work towards

4. Application

- Realising the same head (Jesus)
- Submitting to one another
- Different cultures in unity

How good it is, indeed, when there is shalom among God's people in Jesus!