

UNIFIED TOGETHER

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-4

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Introduction:

1. Unity is beautiful in the eyes of God -Ps 133:1-3
2. The church must be unified together in Christ.
3. What are some ways to accomplish unity?
4. Paul identifies a couple of ways to establish unity within the body of Christ...

I. HAVE THE SAME MIND -vs. 1, 2

A. THE BLESSINGS WE ENJOY IN CHRIST

1. Consolation (Encouragement) in Christ
 - a. Jesus has set us free from the bondage of sin -Ep 1:7; Ro 5:8
 - b. He gives strength to Christians -Ph 4:13
2. Comfort of love
 - a. God loves and cares about us -1Pe 5:7; Mt 6:8, 33; 7:7-11
 - b. Saves us in tribulation -2Co 1:3-7
3. Fellowship of the Spirit
 - a. We were baptized into the same Spirit -1Co 12:13
 - b. We are many members, but one body -1Co 12:14-31
4. Affection and Mercy
 - a. Because God loved us, we are to love one another -1Jn 4:11
 - b. The church at Philippi exemplified this
 - 1) Received this from Paul -Ph 1:8
 - 2) They showed this to Paul -Ph 4:14-16

B. THE MEANING OF ONE MIND

1. We are united in doctrine -1Co 1:10
 - a. That which is clearly expressed in Scripture
 - b. These are matters of faith -Ro 10:17
2. Matters of opinion
 - a. Areas the bible does not speak about.
 - b. We can disagree provided we do so in a godly manner.

II. HAVE A HUMBLE MIND -vs. 3, 4

A. NOTHING DONE THROUGH SELFISH AMBITION

1. Self-ambition is to seek what I want above the good of others.
2. We are to be unified together in purpose, not self.

B. ESTEEM OTHERS BETTER THAN SELF

1. Misconceptions
 - a. It does not mean we are not as good as someone else -e.g. Moses -Nu 12:3
 - b. The humility of Jesus -Ph 2:5-8; Jn 13:1-11
2. Meaning -we are put the needs of others above self.

C. LOOK TO THE INTEREST OF OTHERS

1. We have biblical need to look to our own interest
 - a. Love you neighbor as yourself -Mt 22:39
 - b. Husbands love their wives as their own flesh -Ep 5:28, 29
2. We also have a biblical need to look beyond our own personal borders
 - a. Physical needs -1Jn 3:16, 17; Ja 2:14-ff
 - b. Emotional needs -Eph 4:29; Co 4:6

Conclusion:

1. Unity is certainly beautiful before God (cf. Ps 133:1-3)
2. How does the world know God sent His Son into the world? It is by our unity -Jn 17:20, 21