Introduction:
1. Unity is beautiful in the eyes of God -Ps 133:1-3
2. The church must be united in Christ.
3. What are some ways to accomplish unity?
4. Paul identifies two 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 united 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 boarders
   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