

A Pathway for Christian Unity

Php 1:27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

Php 2:1-2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Php 4:2-3 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Threats to Unity

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- 1) Rivalry
- 2) Conceit
- 3) Self Interest

Encouragement to Unity

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4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to **the interests of others**

- 1) Humility - count others more significant
- 2) Look to the interests of others

5 **Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,** 6 who, though he was in the form of God, **did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,** 7 but made himself **nothing**, taking the form of a **servant**, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he **humbled** himself by becoming **obedient** to the point of death, even death on a cross.

9 **Therefore** God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,** 13 for **it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

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- 1) Humility
- 2) Obedience to the Father
- 3) Servant