

# Looking Out for The Interests of One Another

Philippians 2:1-11

## I. The Plea for Unity (vs. 1-4)

### A. The grounds for unity (vs. 1)

- 1) Encouragement in being united with Christ

**Colossians 1:27**

We may lose our faith – **2 Timothy 2:13**

We may lose out on fellowship with Christ, others

But, we do not lose our salvation

**John 17:20-21**

**Do I find encouragement knowing that I am united in Christ?**

- 2) Comfort from His love

**Romans 5:5**

**What kind of comfort do I receive when I grasp how much God really loves me?**

- 3) Common sharing in the Spirit

He convicts us of our sin- Jn. 16:8

He regenerates us – Jn. 3:5-6

He baptizes us into one body – 1 Cor. 12:13

He assures us of our salvation – Rom. 8:16

He indwells us – Rom. 8:9

He empowers us – Acts 1:8

He gifts us – 1 Cor. 12:7

He guides us into truth – Jn. 16:13

He fills us – Eph. 5:18

He produces fruit in us – Gal. 5:22-23

He seals us – Ephesians 1:13

- 4) Tenderness and compassion

### B. The graces for unity (vs. 2-4)

What attitudes make unity possible?

1. Oneness (vs. 2)

same mind

Same love

Same spirit (**Ephesians 4:4-6**)

2. Lowliness (vs. 3)

The negatives – 2 things that cause disunity:

1) selfish ambition

2) vain conceit

**selfishness is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less.**

The positives -

1) humility

2) value others above yourself

3. Other mindedness (vs. 4)

**Make the good of others the focus of your interest and strategy and work.**

## II. The Pattern for Service (vs. 5-11)

A. Being a servant comes from having the right mindset (vs. 5) **1 Corinthians 2:16**

B. Being a servant means giving up my rights for others (vs. 6)

C. Being a servant means becoming less so others can become more (vs. 7)

D. Becoming a servant means being obedient whatever the cost (vs. 8)

E. Servanthood will be rewarded (vs. 9-11)

**James 4:10**

F. Servanthood is more about being than doing