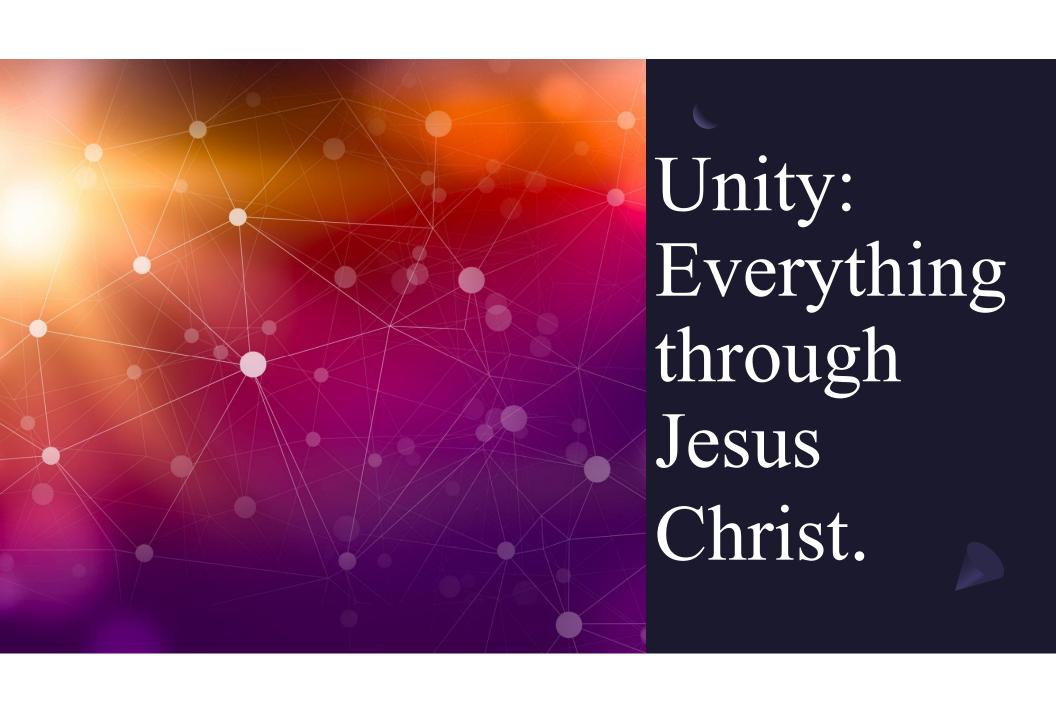


Guided to Love and Unity

Philippians 2:1-4

forgiveness • hope • love • peace • trust • perseverance



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- 2 Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.
- 3 *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
- 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.



Introduction

- Philippi was not a perfect church...
- Paul is aware that there is problem in Philippi Church...
- There is a flaw in the harmony of the church...
- Paul calls to be united as a believer of Christ....



But Christianity is a relationship with a person, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul gives us the ingredients of what will keep a church together in unity

Paul asked Three Questions:

1. Are you in one accord?

2. Do you have the right Attitude?

3. What do your actions say?



1. ARE YOU IN ONE ACCORD?

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To be like minded means: To think the same think... or people are in harmony together.

Unity does not necessarily mean uniformity...

Being one accord means our souls are united together... we are united spiritually.

Of one mind means focused on the same purpose or the same goal..

2. DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE?



Philippians 2:3

3 Let nothing be done through selfish strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Strife means:

- *Someone seeking political office
- *Who is willing to do whatever necessary to win that office

- *Strife does not care how many people he/she steps on to get there.
- *Strife is the kind of person who is totally interested in his/her own personal self ambition..

*So let nothing be done through strife because the believer's or Church is interested in being together in the family of God

but with humility

*Lowliness of Mind is the concept of Humility.

3. WHAT DO YOUR ACTIONS SAY?

Philippians 2: 4

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

- *When somebody chooses selfishness, it affects every member of the Church.
- *Believer's action need to be unselfish...
- *Do not put yourself in number one
- *but Put JESUS CHRIST as number one.

- *Let's us stay being like minded as a believer.
- *Let's have the same love as we love Jesus
- *Stay being in one accord
- *Put our mind to JESUS CHRIST in one mind
- *Not motivated by Strife or Vainglory
- *Not made selfish choice
- *Stay with Harmony and unity.

