Unity In God's Church - **Philippians 2:1-2**

Stand and Read (all together)
v1 *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,* ***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 ambition or conceit, 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.*

Joy is flag that flies on the castle of the heart when the king is in residence there.

1 Peter 5:8-9a *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...*

The Formula for Spiritual Unity

1. Consolation in Christ

John 17:21a *that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us...*
Galatians 5:15 *But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!*

2. Comfort of Love

3. Koinonia of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:13 *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*
1 Corinthians 12:7-8 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,*

4. Compassion For Others

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
1 Corinthians 15:3 *Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,*
John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*
John 3:3 *..."Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*
2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*