

**Sermon Title:** Unity From Humility

**Sermon Series:** Philippians – Unbreakable Joy

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:5-11

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How can we have \_\_\_\_\_?

**Joy is found through Unity and Humility in Christ**

**1. Focus our \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ**

**Philippians 2:5 ESV**

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

**Philippians 2:2-4 ESV**

2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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## 2. Follow Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

### Who is Christ?

#### Philippians 2:6-7 ESV

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

\_\_\_\_\_ Union – Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ man

#### Hebrews 1:3 ESV

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

#### John 8:58-59 ESV

58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

#### John 1:14, Colossians 1:15 ESV

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**Hypostatic Union – Jesus is fully God and fully man**

**A. Jesus set aside his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve**

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**2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV**

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**B. Jesus' humility was shown through \_\_\_\_\_ to God**

**Philippians 2:8 ESV**

8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV**

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Romans 5:19 ESV**

19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**James 4:10 ESV**

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**C. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ by God, not \_\_\_\_\_**

**Philippians 2:9-11 ESV**

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.

**Genesis 11:4 ESV**

4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

**Examine your \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ to fame**

**How can we have joyful unity? It's found when we \_\_\_\_\_ on and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's Example**

## **Questions:**

### **Getting to know you Questions:**

1. Who is the most famous person you have met? How did you meet them?
2. Ian said in the ancient world humility was almost always considered a weakness or a vice. Why do you think that was the case? Do you see evidence today of a similar perspective on humility?

### **3. Why do you think fame is so important in our culture?**

## **Into the Bible Questions:**

Read Philippians 2:5-11

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4. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?

5. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?

6. What do you think of this statement: "Most of our unhappiness in life is because we listen to ourselves, rather than talk to ourselves"?

**7. Paul says we are to adopt Christ's mindset toward each other. Skim back over verses 1:27-2:4. How do we see Christ live this out in 2:5-11? in His birth? In His life? In His death?**

8. Why do you think it says "even death on a cross?" How does this kind of death require humility?

9. In verse 9-11, What is the picture of Jesus presented here? How is this different from your view of Jesus?

**For Extra Study, Read John 1:1-18**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.>") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

10. The passage describes Jesus as "The Word." What does this passage tell us about Jesus as God?

11. What does the passage tell us about Jesus as a human?

**Application Questions:**

- **What is an area you can surrender your rights for the sake of loving others?**
- What are some areas of obedience to God that you struggle with? How would Christ's example help you to obey in that area?
- **How would humble obedience to God impact our unity as a church?**
- What "fame" do you have, and how can you glorify God with it?
- **How can our group help each other with these questions?**