

Series: That We May Know Him

Text: Philippians 2:1-11

**Main Idea:** Unity in Christ leads to humility like Christ which brings glory to Christ.

Title/Hook: The Right Mindset

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Purpose: To encourage Christians to live out the mind of Christ they have been given by following Him in humility and selflessness.

FCF/COR: In our flesh we are prone to selfishness and self-centeredness.

Christ Trajectory: The humility and selflessness of Christ in his incarnation, obedience, death, and ultimate exaltation.

Call to Worship: Philippians 3:7-8a - <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Benediction: Philippians 2:9-11

Structure: Inductive

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): What is the mindset the Christians in Philippi should have and how should they act toward one another?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Because they are united in Christ and have the mind of Christ, they are to practice humility and selflessness to the glory of God.

Exegetical Main Idea: The mindset the Christians in Philippi should have and how should they act toward one another is humility and selflessness to the glory of God because they are united in Christ and have the mind of Christ.

Theological Main Idea: Christians have been given the mind of Christ and with one mind are called to Christ-like humility and selflessness to the glory of God.

Homiletical Main Idea: Unity in Christ leads to humility like Christ which brings glory to Christ

Outline:

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1. In Christ we have unity that is expressed in selfless humility. (vv. 1-4)

- Encouragement in Christ
- Comfort from love
- Participation in the Spirit
- Affection and sympathy

**Quote – Dennis Johnson** – “As we grow in our grasp of God’s Word, increasing clarity in our understanding will also draw us together. We will see the truth more clearly, and therefore see eye to eye more often. True doctrine, far from dividing believers into rival theological camps, actually promotes and preserves true Christian unity!”

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**Quote – Tim Keller** – “The essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less.”

**2. In Christ we have the mind and the motive to live like Him (vv. 5-11)**

**Romans 3:23-25** - <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

**Quote - Jason C. Meyer** – “If Christ took off the royal robes and put on the servant’s towel to die for us, how can we say that any call to serve others for his sake is beneath us?”

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**Isaiah 42:22-23** - <sup>22</sup>“Turn to me and be saved,  
all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

<sup>23</sup>By myself I have sworn;  
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness  
a word that shall not return:

‘To me every knee shall bow,  
every tongue shall swear allegiance.’

**Isaiah 45:24** - <sup>24</sup>“Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,  
are righteousness and strength;  
to him shall come and be ashamed  
all who were incensed against him.

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