

**Defining the Heart of Unity  
Philippians 2:5-8**

*Key Understanding:*

The heart of unity, defined and modeled by Jesus's life and ministry, is self-\_\_\_\_\_ in contrast to self-absorbed \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit." Rom 8:5*

*Humility that prompts unity is...*

1. Jesus always maintained His inner, \_\_\_\_\_ but His outer glory was \_\_\_\_\_ in humanity. v.6a

- internally assured but never \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14*

2. Jesus never imposed \_\_\_\_\_ for self-\_\_\_\_\_. v.6b

- self-\_\_\_\_\_ even when a defensive position is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" Matt 26:53*

3. Jesus temporarily surrendered His \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. v.7a

- undistracted by the \_\_\_\_\_ but faithfully invests in the \_\_\_\_\_.

*"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame..." Heb 12:2a*

4. Jesus faithfully submitted His \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. v.7b

- less focused on \_\_\_\_\_ self and more on \_\_\_\_\_.

*"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matt 20:28*

5. Jesus obediently absorbed \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ v.8

*"Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted." Isaiah 53:4*  
*"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor 5:21*

- Dying to self so that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God" 2 Tim 1:8*