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Philippians 2:1-11

Four distinctives of our unity in Christ:

1. Being of the same mind
2. Maintaining the same love
3. United in spirit
4. Intent on one purpose

Four benefits of our unity in Christ:

1. Encouragement in Christ
2. Consolation of love
3. Fellowship of the Spirit
4. Affection and compassion

Four ways to preserve our unity in Christ:

1. Avoid being self-centered and pursuing vainglory
2. Become more Christ-centered and others centered
3. Be available to God
4. Live for the glory God

“How much larger your life would be if your self could become smaller in it; if you could really look at other men with common curiosity and pleasure.”

- G. K. Chesterton

“The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing, is to hand over your whole self - all your wishes and precautions - to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is to remain what we call ‘ourselves,’ to keep personal happiness as our great aim in life, and yet at the same time be ‘good.’”

- C. S. Lewis
Mere Christianity

“The thing we would remember from meeting a truly gospel-humble person is how much they seemed to be totally interested in us. Because the essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less.

“Gospel-humility is not needing to think about myself. Not needing to connect things with myself.”

- Tim Keller

The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness

“It would be hard to improve on Luther’s description of fallen man as *homo in se incurvatus*, ‘man curved in on himself.’ Human fallenness is human selfishness.”

- John Stott
Life in Christ