

# Philadelphia Church

The Mind of Christ Jesus

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# Mindset of today's culture:

- Looking out for myself
- Trying to get ahead
- Finding ways to provide for myself
- Trying to protect what matters most to me
- Looking for ways to improve my future



# Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

# Philippians 2:1-11

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.







## Galatians 3:13

<sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

# Truth

- Many believe... not everyone follows!
- You can only really allow Christ to be at work through you by being a servant.



# Philippians 2:1

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# Philippians 2:2

<sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

# Unity:

- ☐ Same Mindset
- ☐ Same Love
- ☐ Same Spirit
- ☐ Same Purpose



Sympsychos

Greek for together in  
Soul.

Acts 2:1

When the day of Pentecost came,  
they were all together in one  
place.

# Homothumadon

Greek for same temperament,  
same mind, same emotion, same  
passion, one persuasion, same  
desire, one purpose or unanimous



## Acts 2:1-4

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

# Homothumadon

refers to a group acting as one.

Koinonia

fellowship

# Amazing Grace (Verse 1)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see



## Philippians 2:20-21

<sup>20</sup> I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

# Question

- Are you experiencing Christ at work in you?
- Are you experiencing Christ at work through you?

# True test of servanthood:

- Doing it for God
- Doing it to bless others
- Doing it without needing to be acknowledged or thanked
- Doing it without an agenda
- Doing it without grumbling

## Philippians 2:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.



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# Hypostatic Union

Union- God the Son takes on human nature while remaining forever God.



# Qualities of servanthood

- Giving up personal rights
  - <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage
- Becoming less so that others can become more
  - <sup>7</sup> rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- Obeying even if it costs
  - <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Truth

God rewards true servanthood!!

Matthew 23:11

The greatest among you will be  
your servant.

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the  
Lord, and he will lift you up.



# Question

Am I a consumer or contributor?

# Quote

the measure of a person's greatness is not in the number of servants they have, but the number of people they serve.

## Quote

You can always give without loving, but you can never Love without giving.