

Unity through Humility
Philippians 2:1-8

Main Point:

Unity comes through humility; therefore, humble yourself for the sake of others, as Christ did for you.

1. In order to be effective witnesses for Christ, you must be united with one another.

2. True unity comes through humility.

3. Jesus humbled Himself for you.

4. Humble yourself for the sake of others, as Christ did for you.

Quotes and Cross-References:

John 17:20-21 ²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone [speaking of His disciples], but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson "Unity in our fellowships is essential to our witness."

Frank Thielman "[Paul's] concern is not merely with the inner attitudes of individual Philippian believers, but with the concrete expressions of their attitudes in their day-to-day encounters with each other."

Moisés Silva "The true obstacle to unity is not the presence of legitimate differences of opinion but self-centeredness."

Sinclair Ferguson "The Son did not 'grasp' or jealously guard his rights as Son of God."

Sinclair Ferguson "The greatness of our Lord's self-humbling is measured by how low he was prepared to stoop from the great heights which were his natural and rightful environment."

2 Corinthians 8:9 ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. (NKJV)

Kenneth Wuest "The only person in the world who had the right to assert his rights waived them."

Sinclair Ferguson "His logic is as follows: because these Christians have experienced so much blessing, they ought to exhibit the effects of grace in their lives."