

## What If We Just All Could Get Along?

- I. The Proper Perspective: What are you FOCUSING on? (Chapter 1)
- II. The Proper Philosophy: Who are you THINKING about (Chapter 2)

### A. The Pleading: The last wishes of a (possibly) dying man...Think this way (2:2a)...

*Fulfill my joy... (2:2a)*

#### 1. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ request, could you guys all get along?...

- Our heavenly Father's request (John 13:34-35)

#### 2. The present \_\_\_\_\_ in the Philippian Church

- Persecution from without (1:27-30)
- Dis-unity from within (4:1-3)

### B. The Persuasion: Why should we be united (2:1)

*The Motivational use of IF...THEN...*

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

- We have God as our great comforter (2Thess. 2:16)
- We can also receive encouragement from other believers (Philemon 7)
- What suffering have you experienced that you could encourage others through?

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of Love

- What kind of love?
- What is God's plan for you (Jer. 29:11)

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

- Walking in or being filled with the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16, Eph. 5:18)
- Because of our relationship to God we have a relationship with other believers

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we have received

- God is compassionate and willing to forgive us
- Are you willing to forgive up to 70x7=490 times (Matt. 18:33)

\*Turn your attention away from what THEY did to you to what JESUS did FOR you.

**C. The Platform: How is this even possible? (2:2b)**

*By being like-minded, have the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (2:2b)*

**1. The same \_\_\_\_\_, which is not a feeling, but a choice**

- Agape: Self-sacrificing
- Have fervent love for one another (1Peter 4:8)

**2. Being of one \_\_\_\_\_, meaning being united in spirit**

- Being part of the family (Romans 12)

**3. Being of one \_\_\_\_\_, or way of thinking**

- Unity in our thinking, diversity in our function (Romans 12:5-6)
- Is your mind being conformed to the world or transformed by the Word?

**D. The Principles: Where do I even start? (2:3-4)**

*Let nothing be done through selfish ambition*

**1. Attack the root of the problem; The problem with \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_**

- The question we ask when we are being selfish is...
- Where is the victory found? (Gal. 2:20)

*Let each of you look out not only for your own interests, but also for the interests of others. (2:4)*

**2. Ask how can I help, don't JUST \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ business**

- Who has God been placing on your heart to reach out to?

**3. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_, or serving for self glory**

- A conceited attitude is always wanting people to look at ME
- Let him who glories, glory in the Lord (Jer. 9:23-24)
- Where do I need to change my motives?

**4. Think \_\_\_\_\_: esteem or consider others better than yourselves..**

- Not too High, not too low...Its not about me (Rom. 12:3)

\* Love one another: Do unto others, as CHRIST has already done for you