

HOW CAN WE MAINTAIN UNITY IN THE CHURCH? Part 1
THE MIND OF CHRIST MANIFEST IN US
Philippians 2:1-2

- I. *WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE BASIS AND THUS THE MOTIVE FOR TRUE UNITY:* We should be motivated to unity because the benefits of true relationship with Christ we share with one another (1-2a)
- A. **The things all true believers share... (1)**
1. Encouragement we have in Christ (1a)
 2. Comfort flowing from His love (1a)
 3. Fellowship of the Spirit (1b)
 4. His tender mercies toward us (1b)
- B. **...should motivate us to obey the command to be of the same mind** (in context, making Paul's joy complete) **(2a)**
- II. *WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE MINDSET OF TRUE UNITY:* It is the mind of Christ manifest in the true believer (2)
- A. **The command to be of the same mind (2a)**
- B. **There is a thinking the same thing:** having the mind of Christ **(2b)**
1. Having the same love
 2. In full agreement
 3. Thinking the one thing

Next week

- III. *WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE REAL TIME THE MANIFESTATION OF TRUE UNITY LOOKS LIKE:* There is a putting off sin and putting on the mind of Christ, seeing others as more important than self (3-5)