

HOW CAN WE MAINTAIN UNITY IN THE CHURCH? Part 2
THE MIND OF CHRIST MANIFEST IN US
Philippians 2:3-4

- I. *REVIEW: WE NEED TO* **BE MOTIVATED BY THE BASIS FOR TRUE UNITY: The benefits of true relationship with Christ we share with one another...exhortation in Christ, the Father's tender persuasive love, fellowship in the Spirit and God's tender mercies (1-2a)**

- II. *REVIEW: WE NEED TO* **UNDERSTAND THE DEFINING MARK OF TRUE UNITY: It is the mind of Christ manifest in the true believer...we are commanded to have the same love, be in full agreement and think the one thing (2b)**

- III. *WE NEED TO* **RECOGNIZE WHAT TRUE UNITY LOOKS LIKE IN PRACTICE: There is a putting off sin and putting on the mind of Christ, seeing others as more important than self (3-4)**
 - A. **The mindset:** Consider others as more important than self (3)
 - 1. Putting off selfish pride (3a)

 - 2. Putting on a humble mind (3b)

 - B. **The action:** Look out for the interests of others (4)

(Note: We will look at this in-depth next week)

- IV. *THUS...WE NEED TO* **HAVE THE MANDATORY MINDSET OF UNITY: You must have the mind of Christ (5)**