

“United We Stand...and Sit...and Walk...”

pt. 8 — Philippians 2:1-4

To Live is Christ

INTRODUCTION

- plea for unity
Jn. 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6
- but not unity at any cost
“Cursed be that unity for which the Word of God is put at stake.”
— *Martin Luther*
- but not unity as the world understands it
“Love is the final apologetic of Christianity”
— *Francis Schaeffer*

1. Foundation of unity (2:1)

- encouragement in Christ
Jn. 14:17
- comfort by Christ’s unconditional love
- welcome into fellowship with the Lord
1 Jn. 1:3
- God’s tender-hearted mercy
2 Cor. 1:3

“God loves us not because of who we are, but because of who He is.”
— *Our Daily Bread*



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2. Marks of unity (2:2)

- the effect of their response
- same mind
- same love
1 Jn. 1:6-7; 3:14, 16-18; Rom. 12:10-13
- same spirit
- same purpose

“Has it ever occurred to you that 100 pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow.”
— *A.W. Tozer*

3. Steps toward unity (2:3-4)

- ☉ **abandon** _____
Rom. 11:25; Gal. 6:3
- rooted in Satan
Ezk. 28:13-17; Isa. 14:13-14
- ☉ **acquire** _____
- humility among the Greeks
Mt. 11:29; 1 Pet. 5:5-6; Num. 12:3
- ...by admitting pride and unworthiness
Lk. 5:8
- ☉ **attend to** _____
- “more important”
Phil. 3:8; 4:7
- “merely”