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The Master's Plan for Spiritual Unity

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 - B. Comfort of Love (1b)

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Do you know, O saint, how much the Lord loves you? Can you measure His love? Do you know how great is the affection of His soul toward you? Go measure heaven with a span; go weigh the mountain in the scales; go take the ocean's water, and tell each drop; go count the sand upon the sea's wide shore; and when you have accomplished this, you will be able to tell how much He loves you.

- *Charles Spurgeon*

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 - B. Comfort of Love (1b)
 - C. Fellowship of the Spirit (1c)
 - D. Affection and Mercy (1d)

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You must recognize that much of this has come about because other Christians have mediated God's grace to you. They have loved you, cherished you, encouraged you, made you feel part of the partnership of the redeemed. What this means for you as a Christian is that you owe the same to others.

- *D.A. Carson*

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- II. Understand the best means for spiritual unity (2:2-4).
 - A. We must have a single mind (2).
 - B. We must have a selfless mind (3-4).

III. Recognize the Master's model for spiritual unity
(2:5-8).

A. Jesus Christ served (7).

B. Jesus Christ sacrificed (8).

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His obedience is a sure token of His deity and authority, for . . . only a divine being can accept death as obedience; for ordinary men it [death] is a necessity. He alone as the obedient Son of His Father could choose death as His destiny.

- *Ralph Martin*



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