



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

CHRIST THE LORD PARISH

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DIGGING DEEP OUTLINE

TOPIC: JOY IN SERVING CHRIST IN UNITY
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TEXT: Philippians Chapter 2:1 - 30

INTRODUCTION:

Phil 2:1-4, Paul's letter explains to the Church at Philippi that living as a Christian means seeing our own life as a living expression of Jesus' life. He encouraged them to imitate Christ way of life (verse 5), so that even in their suffering, they can find contentment and purpose. Paul used words like; "Same Mind", (united in purpose and motivations), "United in Love", (care and feeling) "One Accord", (allowing others to have differences of opinion) and "One Mind", (affection and sympathy) to emphasize the importance of **UNITY and LOVE** in the Church. Eccl 4:12, Hebrews 12:1-2

1. BE HUMBLE AND OF SAME MIND: Philippians 2:1-11, Eph 4:7,17-20, 2 Cor. 10:12, 1 Sam 2:3, Ps 12:3, Prov. 6:17,15:25, 16:5, James 4:6, Matt 14:8-11, Acts 10:38

The Philippian church have experienced many positive benefits like encouragement, fellowship and mercy unlike the crisis experienced by Church in Galatia and Colosse. He therefore, encouraged them to work in unity, warning that nothing should be done from selfish ambition and conceit but regarding others as better. Let each look not for his own interest but to the interest of others. The good of one, becomes the good of all, we are to complement and not compete with each other, the proud will be demoted and the humble will be exalted. **Christ died, not for his own advantage, but for our interests.** He looked out for the interests of others rather than himself. He counted us more significant than himself, even though he is God. This is what our Lord means when he tells us to in humility count others more significant.

2. UNITED IN LOVE: Philippians 2:12-30, 1:9, 4:1, John 13:34-35, Rom 10:12-13, Heb 12:3, Gal 6:10, Colossians 3:1, Matt 22:37-40

Paul mentioned love throughout his letter to the Church at Philippi, because it is the hallmark of the Christian. Christ gave his life for the glory of the father, the faith and the salvation of others. Wherever there is love, unity will blossom and there will be no fear, there should not be class and tribal segregation, murmuring, gossip, fighting (V.14-16) in the Church because these causes disunity and hatred. Having one mind with others (**which is a problem for some in church**) will make the church a better place and it will encourage unbelievers to become members of the church. Let Christ be the motivating factor in all we do (V.20-21, 25-28).

CONCLUSION: Apostle Paul in Philippians 2, encourages the believers to live the way Christ lived. Our Ultimate goal should be to become like him. We need to daily walk in humility and love towards others and in obedience to our heavenly father