**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***An Exhortation to Christlikeness*** *(Pt 1)*

 **Philippians 2:1-4**

As Paul begins chapter ***2,*** he once again reminds the Philippians of the necessity of possessing the essential Christian virtue of ***unity***.

**I. The Of Christian Unity**

**v 1**

To get a handle on what Paul is saying here, it’s best to replace the word ***“if”*** with either the word *“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”* or *“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

The basis for Christian unity is found exclusively in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Jesus Christ!

This was Paul’s way of saying, “Just as you are one with Christ, be one with \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.”

It is impossible to experience \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the people of God without firstbeing in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the Son of God.

**II. An For Christian Unity**

**vv 2-4**

The word ***“complete”*** comes from a Greek word that literally means “to fill to the point of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**A. The Grace Of** *(v 2)*

Given the context, the ***“oneness”***for which Paul was making his appeal was a oneness that was of a distinct \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature*.*

**Unity is expressed in *3 ways*:**

***“being of the same mind”*** - that’s unity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 ***“having the same love”*** - that’s unity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 ***“being in full accord and of one mind”*** - that’s unity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.*

**B. The Grace Of** *(v 3)*

The Greek word that is translated ***“selfish ambition”*** is a word that actually refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or strife.

The word ***“humility”*** is a reference to a deep sense of one’s own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In the Bible, God says that humility is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ virtue. *(Job 5:11; Psalm 138:6; Proverbs 29:23; James 4:6, 10; I Peter 5:5)*

**C. The Grace Of** *(v 4)*

If we truly regard others more highly than we do ourselves, then we will want to \_\_\_\_\_\_ their needs!

The word ***“look”*** means “to \_\_\_\_\_ one’s attention on something with a real interest or regard for that thing.”

The worldly man looks out for himself, while the godly man looks out for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**Conclusion:**

***Our unity as brothers and sisters in Christ requires the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***cultivation of these 3 spiritual graces in each of our lives!***

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