

# The example of selflessness

The motivating model of Christ for the sake of unity

Philippians 2:5-8 **part ONE**

## Introduction

1 Peter 3:7 *You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.*

#1 Christians have the MEANS to be Unified 1

#2 The Apostolic MANDATE for Unity 2a

#3 The Genuine MARKS of Unity 2b

#4 The Biblical METHOD for Unity 3-4

5 Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

## #5 The motivating \_\_\_\_\_ for Unity 5-11

### 1 Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ the way Christ thinks 5-6

1<sup>st</sup> The \_\_\_\_\_ is how you think = **Have this attitude**

Philippians 4:8 *Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Your thoughts are not \_\_\_\_\_ or irrelevant = **in yourselves**

Proverbs 23:7a *For as he thinks within himself, so he is.*

3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the way Christ thinks = **which was also in Christ Jesus**

John 13 *got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded*

3<sup>rd</sup> continued: How do you LIVE the way Christ thinks?

1 CHOOSE TO RELEASE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ who, although He existed in the form of God,  
John 8:58 Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich,  
yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

2-MAKE A \_\_\_\_\_ TO ACT UPON YOURSELF 24/7 did not regard equality with God

3-CHOOSE NOT TO GRASP FOR \_\_\_\_\_ a thing to be grasped

- 1 Give your \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ
- 2 Give up your \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Give yourself \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Give yourself to \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Give your thinking to Christ and Others, not \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...**

- 1-In what ways should we learn to be considerate of others from verses 1-4?
- 2-How do you see the doctrine of the Deity of Christ and the doctrine of the Trinity in verses 5-8?
- 3-How are verses 5-8 supposed to motivate the Philippians and motivate us to aggressively purpose unity?
- 4-What kind of thinking did Christ demonstrate in verses 5-8 and how should it affect the way we think about others?
- 5-Christ acted upon Himself to give up His rights and to not seize His advantage - how should that truth change us?
- 6-Restate verses 5-6 in your own words, then answer **why** these verses are challenged by the unsaved so passionately?

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