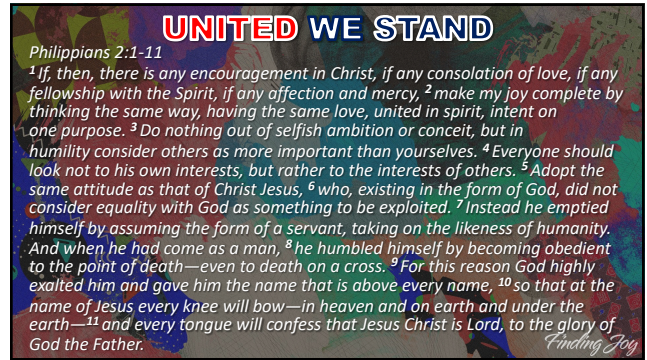




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UNITED WE STAND
The Characteristics of Unity

Philippians 2:2
 make my joy complete **by thinking the same way**, having the same love, **united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**

Unity Means We Pursue the Same Purpose

Our Purpose Is to Glorify the Lord Jesus and Reach People With the Gospel

Connect with Jesus. Connect with each other. Help others do the same.
be connected

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UNITED WE STAND
The Characteristics of Unity

Philippians 2:3
 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, **but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.**

Unity Means We Pursue the Same Purpose

Unity Requires Humility

HUMILITY
 IS NOT THINKING LESS OF YOURSELF. IT IS THINKING OF YOURSELF LESS.
 -C.S. Lewis

Selfishness and Pride Destroy Churches

- **Selfishness** - "What do I want?"
- **Pride** - "Why wasn't I recognized?" "Why didn't they ask me?" "Why didn't I get my way?"
- **Humility** - "How can I serve?" "How can I encourage?" "How can I help someone else succeed?"

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UNITED WE STAND
The Characteristics of Unity

Philippians 2:4
 Everyone should look not to his own interests, **but rather to the interests of others.**

Unity Means We Pursue the Same Purpose

Unity Requires Humility

Unity Puts Others First

PUTTING OTHERS FIRST

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The Example of Unity

Philippians 2:5
 Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,

The Mind of Christ

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The Example of Unity

Philippians 2:6-7
⁶who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. ⁷Instead he emptied himself **by assuming the form of a servant**, taking on the likeness of humanity.

Jesus Chose to Serve



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The Example of Unity

Philippians 2:8
 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

Jesus Chose to Serve

Jesus Chose to Sacrifice



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The Example of Unity

Philippians 2:9-11
⁹For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Chose to Serve
Jesus Chose to Sacrifice
Jesus Was Exalted by the Father

Jesus is Lord



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