

“Paul’s Pleadings for Unity in the Philippian Church”
Philippians 2: 1-11
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Text: **1: 27** “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel”

Chapter 2:1-11

1 “If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2**then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. **3**Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. **4**Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

5Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6Who, being in very nature^[a] God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
7but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”

Central theme of the passage: Paul urges Christ followers to:
_____ Chapter 1 vv. 27

I. Live in unity because of what we _____ vv.1-2

II. Live in unity with _____ vv. 3-4

III. Live in unity because it was _____ and _____
_____ vv. 5-11