

Title: Loving your Church

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I. Paul describes the inherent connection between fellowship with Christ and fellowship among one another [2:1-4]

II. Paul describes Christ as the example to follow [2:5-8]

Application:

Fellowship with Christ: How is your walk with Christ Jesus?

Do you have any encouragement, any comfort, any fellowship, any tenderness and compassion?

If you're missing any of these for any reason, tell someone.

Remember: Attitude is everything.

Fellowship like Christ:

Do you love your Church more than she loves you?

Do you love your Church simply because Christ's love her?

Philippians 2:1-8 (NIV)

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.

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

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
7 but made himself nothing,

 taking the very nature of a servant,
 being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he
 humbled himself and
 became obedient to death—
 even death on a cross!