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## Christian Unity in the Church

*Lesson Two • Philippians 2:2-5*

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Christian unity requires Christlike HUMILITY.

*Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.*  
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#### Greatest Obstacle to Christian Unity

The greatest obstacle to Christian unity is self-centered PRIDE.

#### Christian Unity through Christlike Humility

### 1. What Does Christian Unity LOOK LIKE?

#### Two Dimensions of Christian Unity

- Unity of CONVICTION: “being of the same mind” and “being of one mind” (v. 2).
  
- Unity of AFFECTION: “having the same love” and “being in full accord” (v. 2).

### 2. How Is Christian Unity LIVED OUT?

#### Practices that Foster Christian Unity

- REPLACE self-centered pride with others-centered humility (v. 3).
  
- MOVE BEYOND looking out only for your interests to looking out for the interests of others first (v. 4).
  
- FOLLOW the example of Christ who humbled Himself for our sakes (v. 5).

#### COMMUNION

##### Reflecting on the Humility of Christ on the Cross

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation, identify with Christ in baptism and commit to Christ’s body in membership of a local church of like faith and practice) are invited to participate in Communion. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!