

Humiliation Then Exaltation

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Paul exhorts the Philippians to stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel (1:27). He also calls them to unity through humility by following Christ's example (2:1-11). He then commands them to work out their salvation with fear and trembling by being poured out for others. Begin this study by reading Philippians 1:27-2:16 and then work through the questions listed below.

I. Call to Unity – Philippians 1:27-2:2

- A. What is Paul's greatest desire for the Philippians (1:27-30)?

- B. According to Paul, what does it look like to be unified as a church (2:1-2)?

- C. For unity to take place, what attitude is required in the individual members of a church (2:2-4)?

- D. How would you like to grow in being better unified with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

II. Call to Humility – Philippians 2:3-11

- A. What is said about Jesus that makes Him the greatest example of humility (2:5-11)?

- B. What stands out to you regarding the humiliation of Christ's incarnation?

- C. How would you like to grow in humility? How will this help us to stay united as a church?

- D. How does the reality of Jesus' humiliation and exaltation remind you of Joseph (Gen. 37)?

- E. What stands out to you about the exaltation of Christ (2:9-11)?

III. Call to Work – Philippians 2:12-16

- A. According to Paul, what are some ways for us to work out our salvation (2:12-16)?

- B. How can you grow in shining as a light in the world and sharing the gospel with others?

- C. In what ways do you do a great job considering and serving others?

- D. How can you grow in being poured out for others, specifically in the church?