



Complete Joy

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NT Reference: Romans 12; 1 Cor. 14:1; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 1:3 -4, 4:20; 3 John 1:4

“Eighty and six years have I served Him, and he never did me any injury; how then can I blaspheme my King and my Savior.”

–Polycarp disciple of John, the first recorded martyr on the other side of the New Testament

Philippians 2:1-4 *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

- ➔ In this text the Apostle Paul instructs the Philippian church on how they may have unity of mind through understanding who they are in Christ having received his spirit through humility and love.
- ➔ True unity in the church is only possible through Christ, fueled by the Holy Spirit, and displayed in love and _____.

- We know we are in _____ when we are encouraged.

By:

- Comfort from love.
- Participation in the Spirit

Marked by:

- Affection
- Sympathy

- We know _____ will be completed.

³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ And we are writing these things so that our **joy may be complete**. (1Jo 1:3-4 ESV)

When:

- We have unity of _____.
- We have unity of love.

- We will count _____ more significant.

When:

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.” - C.S. Lewis

- Do not think of ourselves first, but others.
- _____ to their interests.

“The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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