

**THE DIVIDED STATES OF AMERICA
PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 / MARCH 26, 2017 AM**

I. FIRST THERE IS THE CALL FOR UNITY.

- A. Paul stings four sentences together that begin with the word "if"--2:1.
1. "If you have any encouragement from being unity with Christ".
 2. "If (you have) any comfort from his love".
 3. "If (there is) any common sharing in the Spirit."
 4. "If (there is) any tenderness and compassion."
- B. It's on the basis of these four calls that Paul makes his admonition for unity in verse 2.

II. SECOND, THERE ARE THE COMMANDS THAT LEAD TO UNITY.

- A. Paul lists three commands that lead to unity in verses 3-5.
1. First, there is the command for humility--v. 3.
 2. Second, there is the command about concern--v.4.
 3. Third, there is the command to follow Jesus' example--v.5.
- B. What was Jesus' mindset? Paul's answer is in verses 5-11.
1. First, Jesus had a "submissive" attitude--v. 6.
 2. Second, Jesus had a "servant" attitude--v. 7.
 3. Third, Jesus had a "sacrificial" attitude--v. 8.
 4. Fourth, Jesus had a "selfless" attitude--vv. 9-11.