

**Imitation is the Sincerest Form of Flattery  
Those in Christ Imitate Christ**

**Philippians 2:1-4**

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Does who we are matter? Why?

Does who we are in Christ matter? Why?

Philippians 2:1-4 shows us who we are and what we should be in Christ.

**As a Believer You Are:**

I. **Unique in Christ (1)** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

**Being Unique in Christ** means You Should Be

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A. **Consolation to Others (1)** So if there is any encouragement in Christ,

**Being Unique in Christ** means You Should Be A:

B. **Comfort of Love (1)** any comfort from love,

**Being Unique in Christ** means You Should Be Part of The:

C. **Community of Believers (1)** any participation in the Spirit,

**Ephesians 4:1-6** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.<sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.<sup>3</sup> Make every

effort to **keep the unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called; <sup>5</sup> **one Lord, one faith, one baptism;** <sup>6</sup> **one God and Father** of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## No Stand Alone Christians! Membership in a local Fellowship (Church)

**Being Unique in Christ** means You Should Be:

D. **Compassionate** Toward Others (1) any **affection and sympathy**,

When Believers Exercise These four Concepts of being **Unique in Christ** in their lives it Brings Forth Believers being:

II. **United in Christ** (2) **complete my joy** by being of the **same mind**, having the **same love**, being in **full accord** and of **one mind**.

**Being United in Christ Brings**

A. **Happiness** (2) **complete my joy**

**Being United in Christ Means Being**

B. **Undivided** (2) by being of the **same mind**, having the **same love**, being in **full accord** and of **one mind**.

1. **Likeminded** (2) by being of the **same mind**,

**Focused** on the same purpose: This usually a Churches Mission Statement. Here at Gateway our

Mission Statement is: **That Everyone We Know May Know Jesus!**

We may differ on how to accomplish this but our **Ultimate Goal** is to reach everyone we know for Jesus!

2. **Loving** (2) by...having the **same love**,

**1 John 4:11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

3. **League** with one another (2) being in **full accord**

All Believers are on the same Team.

Other Believers are not the enemy!

4. **Lowly** (2) and of **one mind**.

Other Believers Ideas are just as important as yours!

**As a Believer You Are:**

**III. Unpretentious in Christ (3)** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

**Unpretentious in Christ means:**

A. No **Self-Gain** (3) selfish ambition

**Unpretentious in Christ means:**

B. No **Self-Glory** (3) selfish ambition or conceit

**Unpretentious in Christ means:**

C. No Self-Gratification (3) but in humility

**Unpretentious** in Christ means:

D. No Self-Greatness (3) count others more significant than yourselves

Self-esteem

**As a Believer You Are:**

IV. Unselfishness in Christ (4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Being Unselfishness in Christ fulfills the second to the greatness Commandment given by Jesus in

**Matthew 22:37-39** And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

It also fulfills the New Commandment given by Jesus in **John 13:34-35** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**What if Believers** began to Love as God Loves?

**What if Believers** began to Live as Jesus Lived?

**What if Believers** began to Learn as The Holy Spirit Teaches?

**Love – Live – Learn**

Praise Team Takes The Platform