Sun	Sunday Sermon Notes						

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?



# One Accord and One Mind

## Philippians 2:1-4

1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Unity in the Body of Christ is a common plea in the Christian church today. How can we get it? How can we keep it? How do we promote it? Sadly, many will sacrifice truth and doctrine for this elusive goal, but is this the only way? In our text Paul reveals the basis for Biblical unity; he describes its essence; he names its condition; and he outlines a path to protect it. Unity is supplied by God Himself through the Gospel, but our sinful pride prevents its application in the church. We as Christians have a definite responsibility to do our part to protect this God-given unity.

#### Part 1 – The Basis of Unity

Read Philippians 2:1; Ephesians 4:1-6

- 1) What is the source of the consolation, comfort, and fellowship of the believer?
- 2) According to Ephesians 4 who is responsible to produce unity, and how is unity protected?
- 3) How does the truth of the Gospel affect your relationships with other believers?

### Part 2—The Essence of Unity

Read Philippians 2:2; 1 Peter 3:8-9

- 1) What truth enables believers to be "likeminded"?
- 2) According to 1 Peter 3 what knowledge encourages unity and brotherhood?
- 3) How do you think Christians can practice like-mindedness?

#### Part 3—The Condition for Unity

Read Philippians 2:3; 1 Peter 5:5-6

- 1) What contrasts do you see in this verse?
- 2) According to 1 Peter 5 why is it important (and even necessary) to be clothed with humility?
- 3) How/why do you think a lack of humility (pride) splits churches and destroys Biblical unity?

#### Part 4—The Path to Unity

Read Philippians 2:4; 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

- 1) Whose interests (things) should be prioritized in considerations?
- 2) According to 1 Corinthians 10 how does our approach to Christian liberty affect the unity of the church and the salvation of the lost?

3) If I feel that unity is lacking in my church what is my responsibility to rebuild it?