



On Philippians

Week 6: Unified in Christ | Teacher: Steve Frissell

Sermon Questions for 7.7.2024

Opener

When have you been in a group or organization where everyone was involved because of the same purpose? What was it about that group/organization that led you to join them?

Read

Philippians 2:1-11; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:7; Galatians 4:19; 1 Corinthians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 2:16;

Main Points

1. Paul lists out many attributes that come from our faith in Jesus: encouragement, consolation, fellowship, thinking the same (like-minded in purpose), same love (not speaking to the object of love here but rather to the Source of love), one in spirit (Paul uses a word that means one in heart, together as one, harmonious, together in thought, feeling and action), rejecting selfish ambition and vain conceit, embracing humility (begins with us remembering that we are children of God, joint-heirs in Christ), considering others above ourselves, and living with the same mindset as Christ.
2. In Christ, we have access to his mind and way of thinking, and we are encouraged to choose that over any other way or set of thoughts.
3. In Jesus, we see humility is recognizing nothing is beneath us.
4. Humility brings a freedom to be open-handed: humility puts us in a place where we can tell God that we want what he wants, and we don't have to try to control the outcome.

Engage with God in a Group

- How have you viewed humility?
- When you think about humility, how do you see yourself in regards to this characteristic?
- What does unity mean in your life?
- How have you seen humility and unity on display in the church?
- When was the last time you prayed for another believer with whom you didn't get along?
- How might God want to use you to express humility and unity to others at Bent Tree? In your workplace? In your home?

Bottom Line

Jesus' humility is greater than anything that keeps us from unity.