

- *As Paul begins to develop this critically important subject, he does so by first presenting . . .*

I. The _____ Of Christian Unity (vv. 1-2)

“It’s as though Paul were saying that since these 5 wonderful blessings are true of every believer’s relationship with Christ, then we need to take it one step further and be like Christ and demonstrate these very same virtues toward one another.”

- **It’s impossible to be in unity with the _____ of God if you’re not in unity with the _____ of God. But if you’re in unity with the _____ of God, then you ought to be in community with the _____ of God!**
- In v. 2 the phrase **“complete my joy”** or **“make my joy complete”** comes from a word in the Greek that literally means, *“to be filled to the point of _____.”*
- **Paul uses 4 specific expressions of unity here:** 1) *“complete my joy by having the same mind”* – he was calling for a unity of _____; 2) *“complete my joy by having the same love”* – he was calling for a unity of _____; 3) *“complete my joy be being in full accord”* – he was calling for unity of _____; 4) *“complete my joy be being of one mind”* – he was calling for a unity of _____.

II. An _____ For Christian Unity (vv. 3-11)

- The Greek word that is translated **“selfish ambition”** is a word that actually means “_____ or _____.”
- The Greek word for **“conceit”** literally means “_____, pride that has no purpose, vanity.”
- The Greek word translated **“humility”** is actually a reference to a deep sense of one’s _____.
- **Job 5:11; Psalm 138:6; 10:17; 25:9; Proverbs 29:23; James 4:6**

_____ **cannot be achieved without** _____!

- What is the meaning of the word **“look”** in v. 4?
- **It’s the worldly man who looks out for _____, but it’s the godly man who looks out for _____!**
- **vv 5-11** undoubtedly comprise one of the most profound passages in the entire New Testament!

“If we’re going to possess an attitude that contributes to the development of unity and oneness in the body of Christ here at Harbour Shores – then we need to fix our eyes on the ultimate example of unselfishness, humility, and self-sacrifice that is found in the person of Jesus Christ.”

- The Greek verb **“have”** is presented to us in the present imperative – that is, this is a command that is expected to have a _____ and _____ application.
- **What kind of attitude did Jesus have?** Well, this passage tells us **3** things about the attitude of Jesus:

A. It was a _____ attitude (v. 6)

- The word **“form”** isn’t a reference to shape or size – rather, it refers to the outward _____ of the inward _____.
- What does the phrase **“did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped”** mean?

Jesus was _____ personified!

B. It was a _____ attitude (v. 7)

- What does the phrase **“emptied Himself”** mean?
- Jesus stripped Himself of all of His _____ of deity, but not His _____ of deity!
- **Matthew 20:28**

C. It was a _____ attitude (v. 8)

- The word **“humbled”** means *“to make, or bring _____.”*
- **Jesus humbled Himself to death – that is self-sacrifice _____!**

“Crucifixion was the most diabolical form of death ever invented by man! Everything about it was beyond horrible – and yet that’s the way that Jesus died!”

Conclusion:

vv. 9-11 – *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

“How little our sacrifices, how little our acts of unselfishness, how little our suffering seems in the shadow of the cross!” (John Walvoord)

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.