

Be like Christ

Philippians 2:1-16

Unity (vs. 2)

- Be of the same mind (ref. 4:2, Rom. 12:16)
- Maintain same love (Col. 3:14)
- Unified in spirit (Eph. 5:18-19, Col. 3:16)
- Intent on one purpose (we are one body and should act as one 1 Cor. 12:11-14)
- “Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the
righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1)
- We can attain a like precious faith and should be learning the same
thing and obtaining the same result

Humility (vs 3-4)

- Avoid selfishness and empty conceit (ref. 1:17, James 3:14-16)
- Be humble, humble yourselves to God and His word (Luke 18:10-14)
- “Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21)
- Humble yourselves to your brethren (Matt. 7:12; Rom. 12:10; 15:1-2)
- Do not look out just for yourself but look out for others (Mk. 12:29-31)

Humble and Obedient (vs 5-8)

- Like Christ, he willingly gave up His position for us (2 Cor. 8:9)
- He became a bond servant, in the likeness of men, in the likeness of His own creation (Matt. 20:26-28)
- Christ obeyed to the point of death on the cross (Heb. 5:7-9)
- And so should we ...
- “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

Recognize Christ Exalted (vs 9-11)

- Since he is exalted, we all shall bow down (Eph. 1:20-23)
- Every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is Lord, so live a life to the glory of God (Matt. 5:16)
- By finishing the work God sent Him to complete He glorified God (John 17:1-4)

Work out your salvation (vs 12-13)

- If you have been obeying, keep up the good work (1 Pet. 1:8-9; 2 Pet. 1:10-11)
- “But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.” (Hebrews 10:39)
- For we can depart if not alert (Heb. 3:12-15)
- For God is at work in us (1 Thess. 2:13)
- “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, **BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**” (Romans 1:16-17)

Let your light shine (vs. 14-16)

- No grumbling or disputing (1 Cor. 10:10; 1 Pet. 4:8-9)
- Be blameless and innocent acting like children of God, lights to the world (Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 5:8)
- Hold fast the word of life (1 Cor. 15:1-2)
- “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)