

United We Stand, Divided We Fall

Philippians 2:1-3

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- Disunity among God's people grieves the _____, but brings delight to _____. A divided church is little threat to Satan's work and has little power or influence in advancing the gospel.
- Because of this, Paul pleads with believers to actively seek to promote _____ in their local church.
- *"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."* **Ephesians 4:3**
- This text explains to us how we can stay united as a church as we seek to promote the cause of Christ on this earth.

First, we must remember the bond and blessings we _____ in Christ. vs. 1-2

- Those of us who have trusted in Christ are one ____ in Christ. We are unified in Christ.
- *"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."* **Romans 12:5**
- Since you have received all _____ in Christ (vs. 1), you should be willing and eager to give back to others (vs. 2).

- This is one of the keys to unity among believers. We must remember what God has done _____ us and _____ us.
- *“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”* **Ephesians 4:32**

Second, we must develop a spirit of _____.
vs. 3

- In verse 3, the phrase *“lowliness of mind”* literally means “humility.” This phrase teaches us two things about humility.
 - Humility is an attitude of the _____ or heart.
 - Humility is a freedom from _____.
- God can do nothing but _____ the prideful person, but gives _____ to the humble.
- *“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”* **James 4:6-7**
- When you are full of pride, your relationships will be marked by _____.
- *“Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.”* **Proverbs 13:10**
- Humble people realize all that God has given them in Christ, therefore, they are more willing to extend grace, forgiveness, and compassion to _____.