

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

September 26, 2021

Joy & Unity: United in Christ (Phil 2:1-18)

The call for unity is one of the most frequent messages from the most prominent teachers in the New Testament. Consider the teachings of Jesus in John 17:20-23, Peter in 1 Peter 3:8-9, and Paul in Rom 12:4-5; 15:5-6; 1 Cor 1:10; 12:12-13; Gal 3:28; and Eph 4:1-3. Paul also talks a lot about unity in his letter to the Philippians, which is the focus of our current sermon series called *Joy and Unity*. This morning we continue that series by moving into chapter 2 where Paul outlines the prescription for how to be united in Christ.

Paul's Prescription for Unity

The _____ (1-4) - Paul's General Premise on how to Achieve Unity

The _____ (5-11) - Jesus as the Ultimate Model of Selflessness

The _____ (12-13) - This is the key to living a life that promotes unity and demonstrates selflessness.

Philippians 2:12b (ESV) - work out your own salvation with fear and trembling

The word translated "**work out**" (*κατεργάζομαι / katergazomai*) is the same word that Paul used in Romans 5:1-5 this translated "produces":

*Romans 5:3b-5a (ESV) - we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering **produces** endurance,⁴ and endurance **produces** character, and character **produces** hope,⁵ and hope does not put us to shame... (Over)*



"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

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AREA NEWS

- Men's Meeting today at 5:00
- Robertson County Church of Christ is having their Gospel Meeting October 3rd-6th. The speaker will be John Shannon

What does this mean for us? God is going to keep His promises. This is a fact! Our confidence in this fact is called hope. We are to live our life based on that hope. What keeps that hope alive? If we do nothing, will this hope remain? We must exercise it...work it out!

How Do We Do This?

How do we “work out our own salvation” in a way that promotes unity? (14-18)

_____ - ***Without Grumbling or Disputing (14)*** - *When we grumble or dispute, it’s because the focus is on ourselves, and we are not getting our way! When we complain, how often have we spent any time considering the perspective of those we are complaining against?*

_____ - ***Be Blameless and Innocent (15; Deut 32:5)*** - *If we are grumbling and disputing with our brothers and sisters, then we are going to look just like the world. If we cause divisions in the body, then we will certainly not be blameless or innocent.*

_____ - ***Shine as Lights in the World (15; Matt 5:13-16; John 8:12)*** - *If we remain blameless and innocent, and preserve unity within the body, then we will be able to maintain our influence and stand out amid a crooked and perverse generation.*

_____ - ***Holding Fast to the Word of Life (16-18; Rom 12:1-2)*** - *For unity to occur, we all must be conformed to a single source...the Word of God*

PRAYER LIST

- **Mamie Hamilton** is receiving therapy on her back. Calls & visits would be appreciated.
- **John Hayes** is doing well at home
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller** and **Ann Reed**

SERVING TODAY (September 26, 2021)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: J. Buchanan
Prayer: M. Reed

WORSHIP

Read: E. Walker
Wait On Table: D. Billingsley
Serve: J. Walker, J. Gupton,
D. Demonbreun
Prayer: L. Gregory