

Joy in Humility – Outline

I. Introduction – We are Called to imitate Christ.

Philippians 2:1-2 – Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

II. We are called to be like-minded and unified

- a. For agreement with one another.
- b. In order that we might work together.
 - i. How powerful would we be if we were like-minded and unified?
- c. Common sharing in the Spirit should lead to tenderness and compassion.

Philippians 2:3-5 – Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

III. We are called to be humble.

- a. Paul continues to focus on others.
- b. We humble ourselves by serving.
 - i. In what ways are we humbling ourselves to others?

Matthew 20:26-28 – Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- c. Greatness comes in having a servant's heart.

Philippians 2:6-8 – Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

- d. God glorified Christ because of his obedience. So shall Christ glorify us for ours.

IV. We are called to not grumble.

Philippians 2:12-13 – Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

- a. Working out our salvation should be done as if it were important, as if it mattered deeply.
- b. It is the Holy Spirit within us who is by our side always helping us as we strive to be better Christians.

Philippians 2:14-16a – Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

- c. Are we in a warped and crooked generation today? It is important that we serve with glad hearts for this very reason.

Ephesians 5:1-2 – Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- d. We must submit ourselves humbly to God as Christ did.

Matthew 5:15-16 – Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- e. We are to shine like stars, or serve as a lamp that provides light to those around us.
- f. Lighthouses – What happens if they do not shine out in the darkness? We must shine out in the darkness in order that others might find their paths and not crash!

V. Conclusion

Philippians 2:21 – For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 – “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

- a. We must always be careful that this does not become our story. We must always be careful to think of and serve others.

VI. Pray

VII. Invitation