

SPIRITUAL UNITY

Philippians 2:1-4

INTRODUCTION:

- Many people – Even Christians – live only to make good impressions on others or to please themselves. When people are concerned only for themselves, seeds of discord are sown in the Body of Christ. Paul, therefore, encourages Believers to exhibit Spiritual Unity with each other – Love one another, work together with one heart and purpose (“being of one accord of one mind” – v. 2).

Believers need to work as a team, caring for the problems of others as if they were our own problems. Putting others first is indicative of Spiritual Unity.

- I. The Motivation for Spiritual Unity (v. 1)**
 - A. “Consolation in Christ” (v. 1a)
 - B. “Comfort of Love” (v. 1b)
 - C. “Fellowship of the Spirit” (v. 1c)
 - D. “Bowels and Mercies” (v. 1d)

- II. The Nature of Spiritual Unity (v. 2)**
 - A. “Be Likeminded”
 - B. “Having the Same Love”
 - C. “Being of One Accord”
 - D. “Being of One Mind”

- III. The Attitude Required for Spiritual Unity (vv. 3-4)**
 - A. “Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory” (v. 3a)
 - B. Practice Humility – “Lowliness of Mind” (v. 3b)

CONCLUSION:

- A. **The three aspects of Spiritual Unity: (1) The Motivation for Spiritual Unity, (2) The Nature of Spiritual Unity, and (3) The Attitude Required for Spiritual Unity.**

- B. **Herman Edwards is the colorful and witty coach who was with the Kansas City Chiefs. When it came to his thoughts on teamwork he said, “The players that play on this football team will play for the name on the side of the helmet and not the name on the back of the jersey.” – (Ministry 127)**

- C. **Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).