

- Likeminded/Of one mind \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be **likeminded one toward another**, according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with **one mind and one mouth** glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6  
 “Be of the **same mind one toward another.**” Romans 12:16 \_\_\_\_\_
- Having the same love \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Finally, be ye all of one mind, **having compassion** one of another, **love as brethren...**” I Pet. 3:8  
 “...by love serve one another.” Gal. 5:21 \_\_\_\_\_
- Being of the same spirit (of one accord) \_\_\_\_\_

**Four Reasons why Unity is Important**

- Because there **is encouragement (consolation) in Christ**, therefore disunity is rejection of His will and purpose
- Because we have experienced the **blessing (comfort) of love** \_\_\_\_\_
- Because we all have the **same spirit** (fellowship of the spirit), we belong together as one \_\_\_\_\_
- Because we have been gifted to understand **affection and compassion** (bowels and mercies), we should freely show these towards others \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love...” Romans 12:10 \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the Enemies of Unity?**

- Selfishness** (strife) \_\_\_\_\_
- Conceit** (vainglory) \_\_\_\_\_

**What are two practical Ways to Overcome these Enemies?**

- Esteem others better** than ourselves \_\_\_\_\_  
 “...in honor preferring one another” Romans 12:10 \_\_\_\_\_
- Think and speak of the things of others** (look every man on the things of others)  
 “**Let every one of us please his neighbor** for his good to edification. For even as Christ pleased not Himself...” Romans 15:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Let no man seek his own, but every man another’s wealth.” I Corin. 10:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
 “**Bear ye one another’s burdens**, and so fulfil the law of Christ...” Gal. 6:2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Christ’s Example of Humility – 7 Steps Downward**

- He willingly and joyfully came to earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Then said I, Lo, **I come to do thy will** O God.” Heb.10:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
 “...Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the **joy** that was set before Him endured the cross...” Heb. 12:2 \_\_\_\_\_
- He made Himself of no reputation. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I **had** with thee before the world was.” John 17:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 “...**though He (Christ) was rich, yet** for your sakes **he became poor**, that ye through His poverty might be rich.” I Cor. 8:9 \_\_\_\_\_
- He took upon Himself the form of a servant. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse...” Isaiah 11:10 Why Jesse instead of David?  
 “For even the **Son of man came not to be ministered unto**, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45 \_\_\_\_\_
- He was made in the likeness of man. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.” John 1:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
 “...God sending His own son in the **likeness of sinful flesh...**” Romans 8:3 \_\_\_\_\_
- He humbled Himself. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet... Verily verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither He that is sent greater than he that sent him.” John 13:13 \_\_\_\_\_
- He became obedient unto death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “...**I lay down my life** that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but **I lay it down of myself**. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again...” John 10:17-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless **not my will, but thine be done.**” Luke 22:42 \_\_\_\_\_
- He submitted to death by crucifixion. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**” Galatians 3:13 \_\_\_\_\_

**God’s Exaltation of Christ - 7 Steps Upward**

- God also hath highly exalted Him.

“God, who...hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son...by whom He made the worlds, who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels...**” Heb. 1:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

2. God hath given Him a name which is above every name. \_\_\_\_\_  
“...when (God) raised (Christ) from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, **and every name that is named...**” Eph. 1:20-21  
“(Christ) being made so much better than the angels...hath by inheritance obtained a **more excellent name** than they.” Heb. 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_
3. He was given the name Jesus Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
“And she shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call his name JESUS**: for He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. 1:21 \_\_\_\_\_  
“And when 8 days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, **His name was called JESUS**, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” Luke 2:21 \_\_\_\_\_
4. That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow **in heaven**. \_\_\_\_\_  
“...Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.**” Matt 28:18 \_\_\_\_\_
5. That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow **in earth**. \_\_\_\_\_  
“As I live saith the Lord, **every knee shall bow to me**, and every tongue shall confess to God.” Rom. 14:11 \_\_\_\_\_
6. That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow **under the earth**. \_\_\_\_\_  
“Wherefore He (Christ) saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it **but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.)” Eph. 4:8-10 \_\_\_\_\_
7. That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. \_\_\_\_\_  
“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.” Rev. 5:13 \_\_\_\_\_

### **True Exaltation comes only by Humility**

“And whosoever shall **exalt himself shall be abased**; and he that shall **humble himself shall be exalted.**” Matt 23:12 \_\_\_\_\_

“**Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and **He shall lift you up.**” James 4:10 \_\_\_\_\_

“**Humble yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of God, that **He may exalt you** in due time.” I Pet. 5:6 \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Exercise of Humility**

“**...Work out your Own Salvation with Fear and Trembling.**” Phil 2: 12

1. *Implies obedience*—salvation is certainly a FREE gift, but obedience is an important token/evidence of our love for God.  
“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, **unto obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: I Pet. 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_  
“And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that **obey Him**,” Heb. 5:9  
“If ye love me, **keep My commandments.**” John 14:15 \_\_\_\_\_  
“If ye **keep My commandments**, ye shall abide in my love.” John 15:10 \_\_\_\_\_
2. It's not over, until it's over. \_\_\_\_\_  
“**Not as though I had already attained**, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 3:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.” I Cor. 9:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
“Fight the good fight of faith, **lay hold on eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called,...” I Tim. 6:12 \_\_\_\_\_
3. It is God than enables us to be faithful and to attain. \_\_\_\_\_  
“For it is **God which worketh in you** both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” Phil 2:13  
“Being confident of this very thing, that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it** until the day of Jesus Christ.” Phil. 1:16 \_\_\_\_\_

“**Do all things without Murmurings and Disputings:** that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.” Phil 2:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_

“**Neither murmur ye**, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.” I Cor. 10:10 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Humility brings Joy**

“For the same cause also do ye **joy, and rejoice** with me.” Phil 2:18 \_\_\_\_\_

“**Rejoice in the Lord alway**: and again I say, Rejoice.” Phil 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Was this author of Joyfulness somewhat Discouraged by his Coworkers?**

“For I have no man like (Timothy), who will naturally care for your state. For **all seek their own**, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.” Phil 2:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Have we ever been known as a workaholic for the Lord as was Epaphroditus?**

“Because for the work of the Lord he (Epaphroditus) was nigh unto death, not regarding his life,...” Phil. 4:30 \_\_\_\_\_