

rejoice

[my
choice.]

PART
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A SERMON SERIES ON PHILIPPIANS

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HAVE THIS MIND

BEING FOCUSED ON GOD'S GRACE YIELDS UNITY

Philippians 2:1-11

WHAT IT MEANS TO REJOICE:

To dwell on **God's grace**

and let it **define** my life

—**reveling** in it—

because it **supersedes** any and every other thing!

THE ARGUMENT (V.1)

In this opening, "if" = "**SINCE**"

1. If there is any *encouragement* in Christ...
2. If there is any *comfort from love* [in Christ]...
3. If there is any *participation in the Spirit* [in Christ]...
4. If there is any *affection and sympathy* [in Christ]...

THE CONCLUSION / CALL TO ACTION

Then... "Complete my joy" — **BE LIKE MINDED!**

J – **JESUS**

O – **OTHERS**

Y – *Yourself*

1. There is no unity in the church when there is **SELFISHNESS**. (v. 3-4)

2. There is no unity in the church apart from **JESUS**.
(v. 2, 5-11)

HAVE THIS MIND – BE LIKE JESUS

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*When I choose to rejoice,
and let God's Grace in Jesus define my life,
I contribute to the of **UNITY** my church!*

HOMEWORK



Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

1. Who takes out the trash in your home? Cleans the toilet? Does the dishes?
2. Do you have an “pet peeves”? At church? At home? At work?
3. **Read Philipians 2:1-11.**
4. Reading between the lines, what was one of the issues Paul seemed to be worried about with the church in Philippi? What were some of the “cracks” starting to show in their church?
5. Look at **verse 3**. What does it mean to “count others more significant than yourselves”?
6. Does Paul say that caring for your own interests is wrong?
7. Pastor Josh gave a definition for “humility”, what was it?
8. What’s the difference between true biblical humility and being a doormat?
9. **Read John 1:1-14.** What do you think it was like for Jesus to leave heaven and become human?
10. Looking at **John 1** and **Philipians 2:5-11**, what do you learn about Jesus? Make a list of everything you see.
11. Review our definition of what it means to rejoice. Do you see any connections between choosing to rejoice and choosing unity in the church?
12. Why do some people seem to bring more division to a church than they do unity and harmony? Which pleases Jesus more? What’s your advice for this type of person?
13. When it comes to life in our church, do **you** bring unity? Or do you bring complaint and division and strife?
14. What are some steps you can take to protect the unity of our church?

