

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to His
disciples, "If anyone wishes to come
after Me, he must deny himself, and
take up his cross and follow Me." **NASU**

Philippians 2:1-4



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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is

For brothers to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,

Coming down upon the beard

Even Aaron's beard,

Coming down upon the edge of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon

Coming down upon the mountains of Zion;

For there the Lord commands



John 17:20-22 "I do
pray for these alone, but
also for those who will
believe in Me through
their word; **21 that th**
all may be one, as You
Father, are in Me, and
You; that they also may
be one in Us, that the
world may believe that
You sent Me. NKJV

Colossians 2:13-16 But now in Christ Jesus
that once were far off are made nigh in the
blood of Christ. **14** For he is our peace, **Who**
He both one, and brake down the middle
partition, **15** having abolished in the flesh
enmity, (even) the law of commandments
(contained) in ordinances; that **He might cre**
himself of the two one new man, (so)
making peace; **16** and might **reconcile them**
in one body unto God through the cross
and slain the enmity thereby: ASV

Within That One Body – 1 Corinthians 1:

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and (that) there be no divisions among you; (that) ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment (opinion).



***seems that most divisions in the church
come, not over matters of revealed faith
(doctrine), but over matters of personal
faith, i.e. matters of judgment (opinions)***



UNITY Within the Philippian Church

under the surface there seemed to be strife between two women, Euodia and Syntyche, who were posing a threat to the peace and harmony in the Philippian church.

Philippians 4:2 “I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.” NIV

In verse 2, Paul gives a fourfold incentive (2:1) and a threefold directive (2:2-4) for unity within the Philippian church.

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Any **ENCOURAGEMENT** in Christ

(**Consolation** KJV; **Exhortation** ASV)

It is the Agent, Source of ALL our Encouragement

The Greek word here is **paraklesis** which means literally *"all to one's side"* (**para** = beside and **klesis** = to call

This word, **paraklesis**, is used ten (10) times in
just 5 verses in **2 Corinthians 1:2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

Corinthians 1:3-7 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all **comfort**, 4 Who **comforts** us in all our affliction so that we will be able to **comfort** those who are in any affliction by the **comfort** with which we ourselves are **comforted** by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our **comfort** is abundant through Christ. 6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your **comfort** and consolation; or if we are **comforted**, it is for your **comfort** which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; 7 and our hope for you is very grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings so also you are sharers of our **comfort** NAS

of the Fact – Seeing there is...

Any **ENCOURAGEMENT** in Christ (**Agent**)

Any **CONSOLATION** of **LOVE**

“Persuasion,” or **“Persuasive Appeal”** – ASV (margin)

Love is the **Instrument** in the hand of the **Agent**

The Greek word here is ***paramuthion*** which means
“a persuasive address or consolation.”

Corinthians 5:14-15 – **For the love of Christ constraineth us**; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; **15** and He died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto Him who for their sakes died and rose again. ASV

The Greek word for **“constrain”** is **sunecho** which means, ***“to hold together, confine, secure, to hold fast, to urge, impel.”*** (Wrestling: ***“To pin to the mat.”***)

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Any **FELLOWSHIP** of the **SPIRIT**

The Greek word here is, ***koinonia***

The Manifestation of the Mind of God is what we have in Common (**fellowship**) with the Holy Spirit!

GOD

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SPIRIT**

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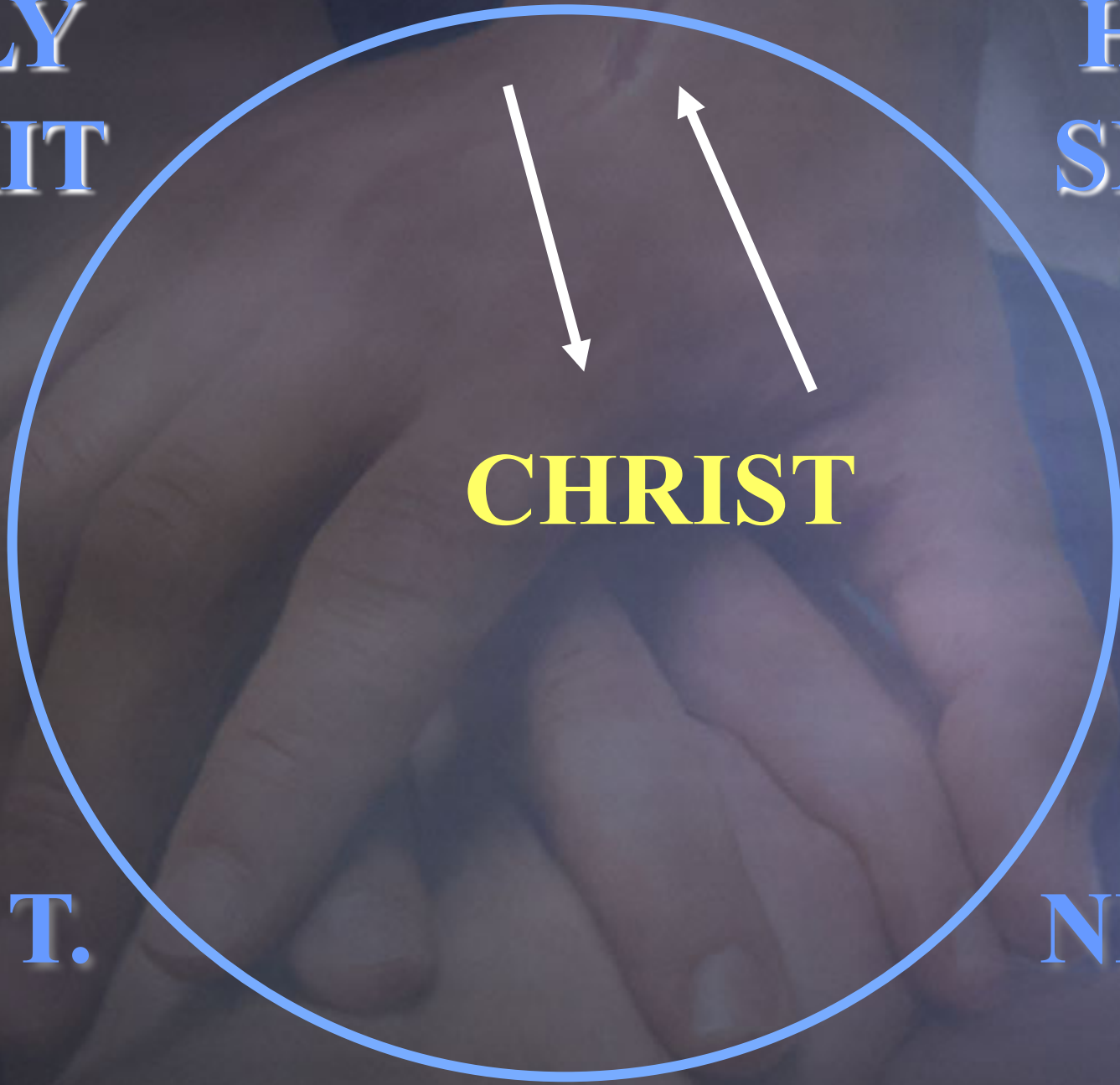
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Romans 8:16

“The Spirit himself beareth witness with
our spirit, that we are children of God:” ASV

Romans 8:16?

The Holy Spirit is the *first* witness Who Revealed it

WITH

Man is the *second* witness who must *believe* and *obey* it!



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John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, (that’s the beginning of mercy) that He gave his only begotten Son, (that’s the beginning of grace) that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. ASV”

er the gospel began to be preached, mercy always comes after grace. (Cf. 1 & 2 Timothy 1:2; 2 John 3

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“Fulfill (make full) my joy...”

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ent on one purpose – (Phil. 1:27)



Philippians 1:27

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind *striving together* *for the faith of the gospel*, . . .” NKJV

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Galatians 5:25-26

f we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in
Spirit. **26** Let us not be desirous of vain
ry (become boastful - NASB), provoking one
other (challenging one another - NASB),
envying one another. KJV

How to make someone **Envy** you

Become Boastful – Desirous of Vain Glory

Provoking (Challenging) One Another

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CONCLUSION: The more one realizes how fervently Christ loved your brother, and went all out to save him, the more we all will want to advance that brother's interest and welfare

ILLUSTRATION: In a huge auditorium there are four men in each corner who desire to come together but none will come to the other's corner. In the center is a large fountain.

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***Only One
Revealed Faith***

***Personal Faith
(Varied)***

esians 4:5-6 “...one Lord, **one faith**, one baptism,
the God and Father of all who is over all and through
in all. NASU

mans 14:22 The faith which thou hast, have thou
myself before God. Happy is he that judgeth not
self in that which he approveth. ASV

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**Belief and Baptism
Mark 16:16**

**Eating of Meats
1 Cor. 8:8**

**Women's Veils
Modesty**

The One Body Without Any Prejudice!

Colossians 4:4-6 (There is) **one** body, and **one** Spirit, in whom we all live, and we are all one, as also ye were called in **one** hope of your calling; **5** **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, **6** **one** God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. ASV

Is it not just as important to plead for **unity within** the one body as it is to plead **for** the one body?

Sometimes the Hardest to Combat!

Genesis 13:7 And there was a strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt there in the land. ASV

James 3:16 For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed. ASV