

Today's Theme

“Where Harmony Comes From”

Series Title

“Finding Joy In Life” Part 7

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The Source Of Harmony

Phil 2:1 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, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

1. Jesus can *make us like-minded*.

Phil 2:1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ,
Phil 2:2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded . . .

- (1) Being LM is being on the *same page*.
- (2) Speaking of ones *values & core* beliefs.

2 Cor 13:11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

2. Jesus & His *love* ought to *inspire us*.

Phil 2:1 . . . if any comfort from his love, . . .
Phil 2:2 then make my joy complete . . . having the same love, . . .

- (1) People want to be *loved* more than *instructed*.
- (2) Love given freely *comforts & encourages* others.
- (3) *Loved* people are able to *love* others.

1 Cor 8:1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

3. *Hanging out with Jesus can unite us*.

Phil 2:1 . . . if any common sharing in the Spirit, . . .
Phil 2:2 . . . being one in spirit . . .

- (1) Being connected *changes us positively*.
- (2) Living this way brings us *together & bonds* us.

Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

4. Proper *passion* can make us into a *team*.

Phil 2:1 . . . if any tenderness and compassion, . . .
Phil 2:2 . . . (being one in spirit) and of one mind.

- (1) Passion drives our *actions & activities*.
- (2) Having our *minds* re-newed *fills* us up.
- (3) Sunday's are like half-time to *regroup & refresh*.

What Jesus wants us to *do*

Matt 22:36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

What Jesus wants us to *accomplish*

Matt 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

When pursuing the same *purpose* in life

- (1) Something uniquely *loving* happens.
- (2) We end up *tender* to what God *cares* about.