

Fulfilling Our Joy

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Paul's joy in Christ...



- Joy in their fellowship – 1: 3-5
- Joy in progress of gospel – 1: 12-18
- Joy in life or death – 1: 20-24
- Complete my joy .. 2: 1-4
(their unity)

Disunity in the world..



International Strife



Political Turmoil



Broken homes



The Divided Church

Four keys to the goal of unity in Christ..



- See what Christ has done in us (1)
- Be of the same mind in the Lord (2)
- Don't allow selfish rivalry a place (3)
- Look for the significance of others (4)

1st What Christ has done..

- 1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy...
 - The consolation of being in Christ ..
 - The comfort of God's redeeming love..
 - Fellowship created by the Spirit..
 - Tender affection and kindness..

Show this inner beauty
by living in harmony..

Fulfill ye my joy,
that ye be likeminded,

having the same love
BEING OF ONE ACCORD
of one mind.

Philippians 2:2

2nd Be of the same mind in the Lord...

- 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- Be of the same mind..
- Maintain the same love..
- Unite in one spirit..
- Be intent on one purpose..

3rd Don't allow selfish rivalry or conceit..

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4th Look to the significance of others..



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