

Philippians 2:1-4

• Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Paul's joy in Christ...



- 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..

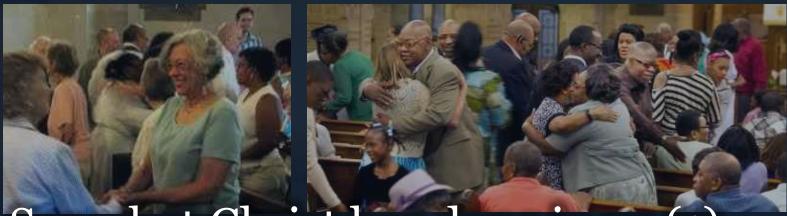








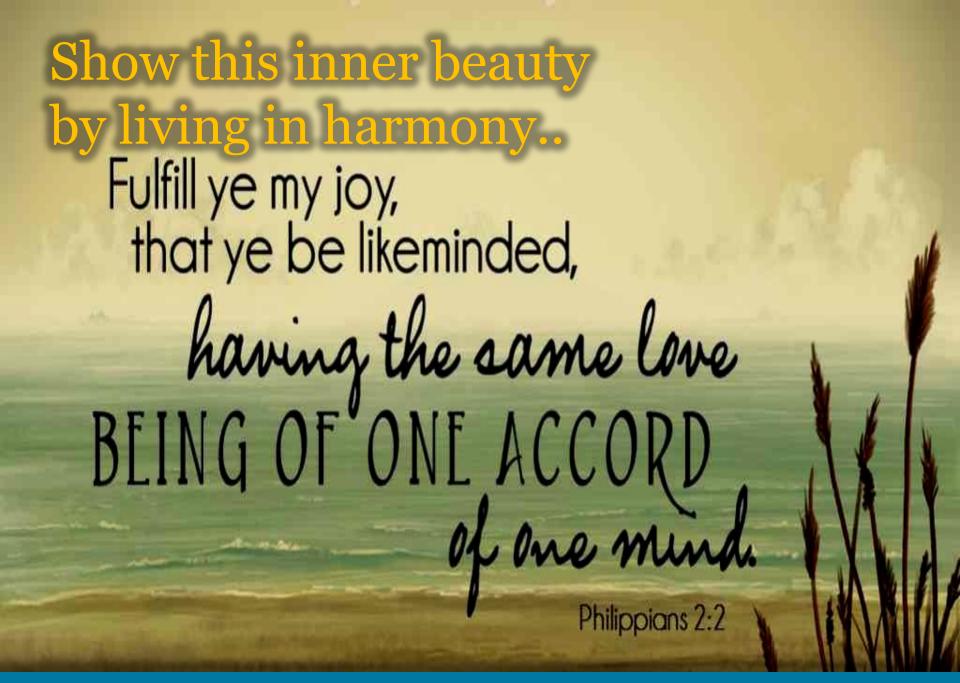
Four keys to the goal of unity in Christ..



- 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...



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..

• 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit..



4th Look to the significance of others..



• .. but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

